



# RAMEY

*Chardonnay*

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## VINEYARDS

<b>Appellation</b>	Russian River Valley
<b>Site</b>	Ritchie Vineyard is widely spaced—as was the fashion for vineyards planted in the early 70’s. These old vines with their gnarly trunks produce tiny quantities of grapes per vine.
<b>Soil</b>	The benchland soil is pure sandy Goldridge Loam, originating from the bed of an inland sea. This soil type is common to great vineyards in this part of the Russian River Valley.
<b>Clonal Selection</b>	Old Wente selection
<b>Planted</b>	Our block of Kent Ritchie’s vineyard was planted in 1972.

## VINTAGE

**Harvest Date | Brix**      September 17, 2002 | 24.0

## WINEMAKING

<b>Varietal Composition</b>	100% Chardonnay
<b>Fermentation</b>	Whole-cluster pressing for delicacy, native-yeast fermentation and full natural malolactic fermentation in barrel.
<b>Aging</b>	20 months in 71% new French oak barrels (François Frères, Damy) and aged <i>sur lies</i> with monthly <i>bâtonnage</i> . Non-filtered.

*“Our Ritchie Chardonnay walks the fine line between richness and delicacy. It has a complex and harmonious mouthfeel that balances power and elegance.”*

—David Ramey