



RAMEY

Chardonnay

WOOLSEY ROAD VINEYARD

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINEYARD

Site	This vineyard is owned by the Martinelli family and was planted to our specifications in 2007. It lies directly south of their winery on Woolsey Road. Vines are spaced one meter by two meters on a northeast-facing slope. Rootstock is 420A, known for low vigor, and the vines are cane pruned.
Soil	Huichica clay-loam over clay
Clonal Selection	This cool site was planted with Old Wente cuttings taken from Chardonnay we planted at Platt Vineyard, which had been sourced from the Hyde Vineyard.

VINTAGE

Growing Season	The second year of drought in a row, winter and spring of 2021 were extremely dry. Variable spring weather stretched out bloom, necessitating careful green drops at veraison. Temperatures stabilized in June, remaining moderate through harvest. Overall, the 2021 season was the coolest, most even growing season since 2018. Yields were average to very low, and especially low for many chardonnay sites.
Harvest Date Brix	August 23 22.7°

WINEMAKING

Varietal Composition	100% Chardonnay
Fermentation	We press whole clusters for phenolic delicacy. Native yeast and full native malolactic fermentations take place in barrel, with <i>sur lies bâtonnage</i> .
Aging	After 20 months in 20% new François Frères and Taransaud Beaune French oak barrels, the Chardonnay was traditionally fined for clarity and texture and bottled without filtration in June 2023.
Release Date Price	March 2024 \$85

Woolsey Road benefits from two greats in the chardonnay world, originating from the Hyde family's cuttings of Old Wente and farmed by the third and fourth generations of the Martinelli family. — David Ramey