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2017 CHARDONNAY *Ritchie Vineyard*



APPELLATION Russian River Valley

HARVEST DATE August 29th & September 6th, 2017

PH 3.26

TA 7.51

ABV 14.2%

BARREL REGIMEN Aged 11 months in French oak barrels from Francois Freres cooperage, 40% new barrels.

CASES PRODUCED 116

RELEASE DATE March 2019

VINEYARD

The Ritchie Vineyard is one of the most famous Chardonnay sites in Sonoma County. The vineyard was planted in the early 1970's to a Wente clone of Chardonnay on AXR-1 rootstock. It was later discovered that AXR-1 was not phylloxera resistant and owner Kent Ritchie was told he would need to replant the vineyard. Forty years later the vineyard still produces world class fruit!

TASTING NOTES

The 2017 Ritchie Chardonnay has a very expressive nose of jasmine, honeysuckle, and orange blossom. The palate is dominated by stone fruits like apricot and fresh peach and has a gorgeous minerality that carries the wine. This is stunning wine, from one of Sonoma County's most coveted sites for Chardonnay, and will evolve in bottle for many years to come.