



FLANAGAN

2016 CHARDONNAY *Ritchie Vineyard*



APPELLATION Russian River Valley
HARVEST DATE September 13, 2016

PH 3.3
TA 6.7
ABV 14.5%

BARREL REGIMEN Aged 11 months in French oak barrels, with 50% new Francois Freres.

CASES PRODUCED 120

RELEASE DATE March 26, 2018

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 2016 Flanagan Chardonnay Ritchie Vineyard was barrel fermented in 50% new French oak and aged sur lie in barrel for 11 months. This wine displays the classic Ritchie Vineyard attributes of rich, lush texture with great acidity. The palate offers Bartlett pear notes and ripe citrus. The minerality unique to the volcanic soils of this legendary Sonoma County vineyard completes the palate. This wine is a stunner.