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2019

*Ritchie Vineyard
Russian River Valley, Sonoma County
Chardonnay*

THE WINE

The Ritchie Vineyard is a powerhouse that produces fruit of blockbuster intensity. A dense and concentrated palate of Gravenstein apple and lemon custard with earthy floral notes of hawthorn and dogwood that delight the nose. This Chardonnay has a smooth finish framed by brioche and hazelnut with a weight that pairs excellently with rich cuisine. For such an opulent wine, it is incredibly balanced from sip to finish.

THE VINEYARD

Kent Ritchie planted this vineyard in the heart of Sonoma's Russian River Valley in the early 70's to the esteemed and low yielding Wente clone of Chardonnay. This ancient seabed turned gentle, pacific-facing hills feature sandy Goldridge soils with marine fossils still evident in the vineyard. This is an American equivalent to a French Grand Cru vineyard.



WINEMAKER
Russell Bevan

SOURCE
Ritchie Vineyard

BLEND
100% Chardonnay
Wente Clone

AGING
17 months in new French oak

PRODUCTION
150 cases

ALCOHOL
14.8%