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2021

AK Cuvée

Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County
Chardonnay

THE WINE

This best barrel blend of two venerable Chardonnay vineyards takes the richness and power from the Ritchie Vineyard and lifts those flavors with the aromatic and expressive Purrington-Rued Vineyard. The desire for this cuvee is to be a sum that is greater than its parts. The deep flavors of Pippin apple and Anjou pear are intertwined with white flowers and Valencia orange. An extremely refined and elegant style that satisfies without being heavy handed.

THE VINEYARDS

Kent Ritchie planted the Ritchie 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.

Developed by the Rued family in 1969, the Purrington Rued vineyard is nestled on a southwest-facing hillside of Sonoma's Green Valley where it receives a cooling maritime influence from the Pacific. The sedimentary soil brings out the best in its unique 'Musque'-type clone Chardonnay.

*"...profound, savory, and beautifully poised,
with a satiny texture and long, savory finish."*

97 Points - LISA PERROTTI-BROWN - THE WINE INDEPENDENT



WINEMAKER
Russell Bevan

BLEND
100% Chardonnay
Wente and Rued Clones

PRODUCTION
100 cases

SOURCES
Ritchie Vineyard
Purrington Rued Vineyard

AGING
16 months in new French oak