



LITHOLOGY

2021 CHARDONNAY RITCHIE VINEYARD

TASTING NOTES

Electrifying minerality crackles through a deep, complex texture that winds its way to an endless finish. A tour de force in Chardonnay.

VINEYARDS

An iconic vineyard for Russian River Valley Chardonnay, the Ritchie vineyard is planted with 40+ year-old Wente clones wines that are carefully cared for by Kent Ritchie. The age and clone causes the fruit to retain much of the natural minerality and acidity of the Russian River Valley so the wines are fresh and vibrant.

WINEMAKING

100% Barrel fermentation, 22 months in French oak barrels, 36% new, 64% neutral. 12 months on lees, no lees stirring. Full Malolactic fermentation.

WINEMAKERS: Matt Sands, Philippe Melka, and Michel Rolland.

VARIETAL: 100% Chardonnay.

CLONES: Old Wente.

HARVESTED: August 26th, 2021.

BOTTLED: July 2023.

CASE PRODUCTION: 150 cases.

ALCOHOL: 14.0%

AVA: Russian River Valley.

VINEYARD: Ritchie Vineyard.



"The 2021 Chardonnay Lithology Ritchie Vineyard showed beautifully, with a floral, subtle tropical slant in its honeyed citrus, white flowers, green almond, and chalky mineral aromas and flavors. This rich, medium to full-bodied, beautiful layered, seamless Chardonnay has integrated acidity, a great mid-palate, and outstanding length."

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