



WAYPOINT

SINGLE VINEYARD WINES

2021 · CHARDONNAY RITCHIE VINEYARD

TASTING NOTES

On the nose, notes of ripe golden apple, white peach, and Meyer lemon entwine with subtle hints of toasted hazelnuts and a delicate wisp of vanilla. The palate is greeted by a blend of luscious orchard fruits and citrus zest, supported by a subtle creaminess from its expertly managed neutral oak fermentation. Layers of complexity emerge as flavors of honeyed pear, crème brûlée, and a touch of flint unfold gracefully, leading to a long, vibrant finish. This Chardonnay's impeccable balance between richness and freshness makes it a true delight, embodying the essence of the renowned Ritchie Vineyard terroir in every sip.

VINEYARDS

The Ritchie Vineyard in Sonoma, CA, is a testament to the passion and dedication of Kent Ritchie, who has tended to the vineyard for decades. The unique soil composition and cool, foggy climate result in fruit with natural minerality and balanced acidity, creating wines that are fresh, vibrant, and lively. Winemakers can rely on the vineyard's consistent fruit quality year after year, making it an iconic and sought-after location in the Russian River Valley. Drinking a glass of Ritchie Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc transports you to this magical place, where the soil, climate, and human touch come together to create an unforgettable sensory experience.

WINEMAKING

In the cellar, this bright fruit was complimented by 40% New French oak, aged for 19 months after barrel fermentation.



WINEMAKERS: Matthew Sands, Philippe Melka

VARIETAL: 100% Chardonnay

CLONE: Old Wente

HARVESTED: August 26th, 2021.

BOTTLED: April 2023

CASE PRODUCTION: 416 cases.

ALCOHOL: 14%

AVA: Russian River Valley, Sonoma.

VINEYARD: Ritchie Vineyard.



“Winemaker Matt Sands sourced Old Wente Clone Chardonnay from Blocks G and E of the famous Ritchie Vineyard in Sonoma’s Russian River Valley. A fresh squeeze of ripe lemon lifts out of the glass, accompanied by white flowers, pineapple rind and guava. The palate is incredibly plush and dense with Meyer lemon, apricot and coconut shavings; all kept fresh and lively by a deep mid-palate salinity and grip. Aged 18 months in 62% new French oak barrels.”

Jonathan Cristaldi



“Silky and seamless, this elegant, lively and well-balanced wine is driven by good acidity to lift the ample Bosc pear, green apple and apple blossom flavors. It is both bracing and satisfying. Fruit and light spice flavors expand on the palate and linger on the finish.”

Jim Gordon