



## 2015 RITCHIE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

*Russian River Valley*

### TASTING NOTES

The 2015 Ritchie Vineyard Chardonnay is a rich, layered wine which showcases the quality of one of the Russian River Valley's *Grand Cru* vineyards. On the nose, the wine displays aromas of wet granite, brioche, orange zest, lemon oil, white flowers, and sweet cream. On the palate, the wine is silky and rich, with notes of pear nectar, lemon butter, mango, and panna cotta. The wine has an intensity that builds on the palate for several seconds, peaking with an electric acidity. This Chardonnay has incredible density and length, with layers of flavors unfolding on the palate for a full minute.

*Peak drinking window: 2018 through 2028*

### VINEYARD NOTES

Kent Ritchie has owned and farmed his namesake vineyard since the early 1970's. The vineyard is located just off of River Road at the intersection of Eastside Road and Trenton Road. The location is unique because it sits on a bench at the confluence of the Russian River, the Santa Rosa Plain, and the Laguna de Santa Rosa. Each of these unique geological characteristics influences the "terroir" of the Ritchie Vineyard. The vineyard's proximity to the Pacific Ocean exposes it to the cool effect of the coastal fog yet at the same time the site's location allows for ample sunlight once the fog has burned off around noon. The well-drained, sandy, Goldridge Soils are ideal for growing Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Finally, the vineyard is planted to, predominately, the Old Wente Selection of Chardonnay which is highly coveted for its low yields and ability to produce and intensely flavored and aromatic wine. Kent Ritchie is truly a great guy and this is truly one of the grand vineyards of the Russian River Valley. It's an honor to work with such an iconic vineyard.



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