



ARISTA

2014 RITCHIE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

Russian River Valley

VINTAGE NOTES

2014 was our second full year of drought in the North Coast, and not surprisingly, the growing season was dry and warm. Everything was early in 2014: Dry soils and mild spring weather resulted in one of the earliest initiations of budbreak we've seen in years. That trend continued throughout the season, as we stayed several weeks ahead of average all the way through the onset of harvest in mid-August.

TASTING NOTES

The 2014 Ritchie Vineyard Chardonnay is a rich, layered wine that showcases the quality of this Russian River Valley grand cru vineyard. On the nose, the wine displays aromas of wet granite, brioche, orange blossom, lemon oil, grilled pineapple and baking spices. 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 a stony mineral note. This Chardonnay has incredible density and length, with layers of flavors unfolding on the palate for a full minute. Peak drinking window: 2017 through 2027.



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