



BOICH FAMILY CELLAR

## 2019 CHARDONNAY

**AVA: Russian River**

**Vineyard: Ritchie Vineyard**

**Winemaker: Jeff Ames**

**Cooperage: 10 Months French Oak, François Freres, Saury**

**Ritchie Vineyard** – Farmed by proprietor Kent Ritchie since 1972, this vineyard produces wine of rare intensity and complexity. With old vines tucked into sloping bench lands that lead into the Russian River, the Ritchie vineyard lies in the heart of the Russian River Valley appellation. A great balance of cooling ocean fog and slightly warmer inland temperatures produce wines with intense, natural acidity with an extra richness and lushness. Sandy Gold ridge soils combined with volcanic ash deposits provide great drainage while limiting vine vigor and yield.

**Russian River AVA** – Centered on Sonoma County’s Russian River, this AVA set the standard for California Pinot Noir and Chardonnay varieties. Known for its characteristically cool climate, ocean influence blows through the Petaluma Gap, bringing foggy nights graciously soaked up by the vines. The central region of the Russian River AVA fosters ripe fruit with rich mouthfeel and bright acidity, producing some of the best Chardonnay in the world.

**Vintage Notes** – 2019 was a remarkable growing season for most of Sonoma County with ample winter rainfall creating wet soil and cool temperatures. Spring and summer brought moderate to slightly above average temperatures, with late May rains helping to produce smaller clusters of flavorful and concentrated fruit. A strong, quality showing for Sonoma County.

**Wine Maker Notes** – The elegant and complex nose of the 2019 Ritchie Chardonnay expresses ripe stone fruits, pear and sweet white floral notes. A creamy body, perfectly balanced with flavors of pineapple and citrus peel, greets the palate with a surprising depth and texture. Unfiltered and unfinned, this Russian River gem has a minerality that leads to a long and memorable finish.