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2023 Ritchie Vineyard Chardonnay

Russian River Valley AVA, Sonoma County

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 AVA. A great balance of cooling ocean fog and slightly warmer inland temperatures produce wines with intense, natural acidity with extra richness and lushness. Sandy Gold ridge soils combined with volcanic ash deposits provide great drainage while limiting vine vigor and yield.

Russian River Valley AVA | This AVA set the standard for California Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. 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 | The 2023 vintage was marked by a cool, extended growing season with late harvests, yielding wines of freshness, balance, and finesse. Chardonnay shows bright acidity with layered flavors of pear, citrus, and stone fruit, complemented by subtle oak and minerality. Overall, the vintage produced elegant, age-worthy wines with excellent concentration and poise.



Accolades

Robert Park Wine Advocate, 94 | The barrel-fermented 2023 Chardonnay Ritchie Vineyard is wonderfully complex on the nose, offering up hints of lemon and lime, gently torched meringue, pineapple, melon and subtle custardy shadings. Full-bodied, round and generous on the mid-palate, it's also laser-focused and crisp on the finish. This is impressive.

Scores Retrospective - 2022 (94) | 2021 (96) | 2019 (93) | 2018 (94)



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