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2024 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 2024 Russian River Valley growing season began with welcome winter rainfall and a mild spring that allowed for even budbreak and flowering, followed by warm summer days tempered by the region's signature cool evenings and coastal fog. Preserving natural acidity and aromatic lift, steady ripening through late summer provided extended hang time and excellent flavor development, leading to an early and orderly harvest.

Tasting Notes

The 2024 Ritchie Vineyard Chardonnay offers vibrant aromas of lemon zest, white peach, and delicate jasmine, layered with subtle hints of fresh vanilla and almond. Crisp on the palate, bright fruit, citrus curd and a touch of flinty minerality are beautifully balanced by refreshing acidity.

Scores Retrospective - 2023 (94) | 2022 (94) | 2021 (96) | 2019 (93) | 2018 (94)



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