

Croix 2016 12 Rows Chardonnay  
Ritchie Vineyard  
Russian River Valley

Convergence :

With its beautiful old vines nestled on a rolling northwest-facing hillside in the heart of the Russian River Valley, the Ritchie vineyard earns our respect. First planted in 1972 the site is ideal for producing Chardonnay of remarkable stature. The sandy Goldridge soils from an ancient seabed combine with volcanic ash deposits and pockets of tufa rocks and sloping bench lands leading into the Russian River to create a remarkably unique “Grand Cru” site that produces wines of intensity and great natural acidity.

Ideal conditions for inducing perfection in the glass.

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Proprietor & Winemaker : Kirk P. Venge

: Winemaker’s Insight :

This wine is stylish and savory, featuring a light, yellow straw presence in the glass with a bouquet of fresh citrus, toasted pine nuts, mild allspice, rocky flints, and toasted oak. Crisp, savory pineapple, sweet delicious apple, stone fruit, and ripe pear fill the mouth drawing you in for another taste. Anticipated maturity window: 2019 to 2024.

: Vineyard Technicals :

Ritchie Vineyard | Clones : Wente | Vine Age : 46 years  
Aspect : Northwest Rolling Hills | Degree Days : 2770 | Region : Russian River Valley  
Sub-Appellation : Green Valley | Continuity : 12 Vineyard Rows | Soils : Goldridge,  
Sandy Loam | Grower : Kent Ritchie

: Harvest & Cellar Technicals :

Harvest Date : September 9, 2016 | Tonnage : 2.38 | Post Sorting Yield : 2.1 Tons  
Fermentation : Whole Cluster Press | Barrel Fermented : 50% New, 50% Used  
Malolactic Fermentation : 100% | Aged Sur Lie : 3 Months | Ageing : 15 Months  
Fining : Rack and Return | Bottling : Unfiltered

Suggested Retail: \$75 per 750ml

100 Cases Produced