WAYPOINT

2020 Ritchie Chardonnay

An iconic vineyard for Russian River Valley Chardonnay the Ritchie vineyard is planted with 40+-year-old Wente clone vines that are carefully cared for by Kent Ritchie. The age and clone cause the fruit to retain much of the natural minerality and acidity of the Russian River Valley so the wines are fresh and vibrant. We countered this with 62% new French oak and aged it for 18 months after barrel fermentation.

Vintage: 2020

Harvest Dates: August 25th, 2020

Bottling Date: March 2022 Case Production: 200 Cases Alcohol: 14.1%

Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

Clones: Old Wente

AVA: Russian River Valley

Vineyard: Ritchie Vineyard blocks G & E

Fermentation: 100% Barrel Fermentation (31 days)

Ageing: 18 months in French Oak barrels (62% new oak)

On the nose, one can find brioche, toast and hazelnut with the telltale Chardonnay tropical flavors. Don't let the oak fool you because thee mouthfeel offers a crisp clean minerality, bright acidity and citrus tones. The finish is smooth and balanced and will appeal to all types of Chardonnay drinkers.



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