



DE LOACH  
VINEYARDS

*The Russian River Valley Original*



**Appellation**  
Russian River Valley

**Alcohol**  
14.5% by volume

**pH**  
5.99

**Titrateable Acidity**  
3.44 g/L

**Aged in Oak**  
100%

33% New Oak

**Origin of Oak**  
French

**Months in Barrel**  
14

## 2013 RITCHIE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

### **In the Vineyard**

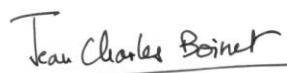
With its beautiful old vines nestled on a rolling northwest-facing hillside in the heart of the Russian River Valley, the Ritchie Vineyard commands respect. First planted in 1972, the benchland soil is pure Goldridge loam, common to great vineyards in the region.

### **Conversations with the Winemaker**

A blend of two Chardonnay clones contributes to the unique character of this wine: the Musqué clone yields fruit of delightful floral and sweet spice nuance, while the Wente clone imparts rich texture and multi-dimensional layers of fruit. Hand picking, sorting, and whole-cluster basket pressing preserves these flavors, while barrel fermentation and sur lie aging lend firmness and palate richness, establishing structure for this wine to retain depth and complexity for several years.

### **Tasting Notes**

Golden in the glass, our 2013 Ritchie Vineyard Chardonnay brings forth a vibrant bouquet of Fuji apple and golden pear. Upon the palate, flavors of ground hazelnuts and golden fruits mingle with hints of apple tart and toasted oats. Creamy and rich, this Chardonnay is well balanced and perfect for enjoying with a variety of foods.



JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET  
Proprietor



BRIAN MALONEY  
Winemaker