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FAMILY ESTATES

CHARDONNAY RITCHIE VINEYARD

Russian River Valley
2019



Varietal: Chardonnay

AVA: Russian River Valley
Sonoma County

Vineyard: Ritchie Vineyard

Clone: Wente

Harvest Date: September 5th, 2019

Fermentation: 100% Whole Cluster
Pressed and Barrel Fermented

Aging: 60% New French Oak for 15
Months

Alcohol: 13.5 %

Production: 150 Cases



Vintage:

2019 was another stellar growing season in the Russian River Valley, with early precipitation and cool to moderate temperatures in Spring keeping soils sufficient in moisture. Bloom and set were optimal with a lighter crop load compared to 2018. This allowed for the terroir to really come through with purity of fruit, integration, and balance. Even and slow ripening throughout the summer allowed for excellent phenolic development and peak maturity. Overall, 2019 showcases all of the attributes of a stellar vintage, with bold, precise flavors, and refined structure.

Tasting Notes:

The 2019 Ritchie Vineyard Chardonnay is rich, focused wine with incredible energy, purity of fruit, and just the right amount of tension. Inviting notes of stone fruit, ginger, nutmeg, and brioche unfold generously on the palate accented with notes of lemon meringue, fuji apple, and crushed rock minerality. The flavors linger on the finish with great acidity, depth, and balance. This is truly a special Chardonnay.

