



2021 · SAUVIGNON BLANC RITCHIE VINEYARD

TASTING NOTES

Elevating rarity to excellence, the 2021 Ritchie Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc enchants. On the nose, the aroma of juicy pineapple and ripe melon is complemented by subtle hints of vanilla and toasted oak from the barrel fermentation. The first sip is refreshing and crisp, with lively acidity and flavors of lemon zest, grapefruit, and passion-fruit. The creamy mouthfeel and weight on the palate are a result of the 36% new French oak, adding layers of complexity and a touch of spice to the wine. The finish is long and lingering, with a pleasant minerality that leaves you wanting more.

VINEYARDS

The Ritchie Vineyard in Sonoma, CA, is a testament to the passion and dedication of Kent Ritchie, who has tended to the vineyard for decades. The unique soil composition and cool, foggy climate result in fruit with natural minerality and balanced acidity, creating wines that are fresh, vibrant, and lively. Winemakers can rely on the vineyard's consistent fruit quality year after year, making it an iconic and sought-after location in the Russian River Valley. Drinking a glass of Ritchie Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc transports you to this magical place, where the soil, climate, and human touch come together to create an unforgettable sensory experience.

WINEMAKING

In the cellar, this rare fruit was complimented by 36% New French oak, aged for 12 months after barrel fermentation.



WINEMAKERS: Matthew Sands, Philippe Melka

VARIETAL: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

CLONE: 1

HARVESTED: September 3rd, 2021.

BOTTLED: August 2022

CASE PRODUCTION: 121 cases.

ALCOHOL: 14%

AVA: Russian River Valley, Sonoma.

VINEYARD: Ritchie Vineyard.



“A snappy aroma of orange zest, lemon pith and gingery spices wafts from the glass before mouth-watering acidity carries refreshing citrus, mineral and oak subtleties across the palate. This deftly oaked wine made from a vineyard famous for its Chardonnay achieves great balance between nervy fruit flavors and oak spices, so you can appreciate both.”

Jim Gordon



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“An utterly delicious Sauvignon Blanc from the famed Russian River Chardonnay site, Ritchie Vineyard. This wine offers fresh, ripe fruit aromatics of apricot, and 100% oak fermentation gives the aromas richness and a touch of spice. The palate is sumptuous. Fleishy grilled peach, ripe pineapple, and delicious lemon cream dominate the flavor profile with an underlying flinty minerality. Gorgeous wine.”

Clive Pursehouse