



2017 HERTELENDY RITCHIE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY NAPA VALLEY

The 2017 Ritchie Vineyard Chardonnay is comprised of ultra premium fruit hailing from the legendary Ritchie Vineyard within the Russian River Valley AVA.

<i>Release Date</i>	February 22, 2021
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	100% Chardonnay
<i>Harvest Date</i>	September 5, 2017
<i>Cooperage</i>	23 months in 90% new French oak
<i>2017 Growing Season</i>	2017 was a great vintage overall where record-setting winter rains ended our 5 year drought. A lengthy, moderately warm summer created idyllic conditions for density, ripeness, and concentration for a full bodied tropical expression.
<i>Alcohol %</i>	14.7
<i>Cases Produced</i>	239
<i>Winemakers</i>	Ralph Hertelendy & Phillip Corallo-Titus



CRITIC'S REVIEWS

"...this is a hearty, full-bodied and lushly rich white from the famous site. Deli meat, toasted oak, honeycomb and brioche dot a landscape of full-figured intensity and ample concentration." — 92 Points, Virginie Boone, Wine Enthusiast

"The 2017 Chardonnay Ritchie Vineyard was barrel fermented with 100% malolactic fermentation and lees stirring...It has restrained scents of yellow apples, bruised quince, wet hay, mushroom, banana chip and honeysuckle with touches of toast and cream. Medium-bodied, it has a silky texture and understated, softly savory character with a long, juicy finish laced with sweet spices." — 91 Points, Robert Parker Wine Advocate

"Big on ripeness, big on oak and big on both aroma and flavor, here is a nicely developed Chardonnay that successfully goes for richness. It stands in contrast to its leaner, more briskly balanced cousins that have become the fad of late and is a wine that reminds that those who fancy buttery, full-volume versions still have very good, deeply satisfying wines made in their favorite style from which to choose. It will not fade away soon, but it is now at its peak and ready to take its place at the table with entrees ranging from lobster to duck and lighter white meats that beg for pairing with a richer and riper, plentifully filled Chardonnay." — 91 Points, Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine 🌸🌸