



## 2018 HERTELENDY RITCHIE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY NAPA VALLEY

The 2018 Ritchie Vineyard Chardonnay is comprised of ultra premium fruit hailing from the legendary Ritchie Vineyard within the Russian River Valley AVA. In 2018, our rows were between Philippe Melka and Russell Bevan's rows. We were also amongst the last wineries to harvest our grapes that vintage at 25.5° Brix, resulting in tropical flavor profiles: pineapple, guava, and honeysuckle on the front-to-mid palate with a long-lasting crème brûlée finish.

<i>Release Date</i>	March 14, 2022
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	100% Chardonnay
<i>Harvest Date</i>	October 12, 2018
<i>Cooperage</i>	23 months in 90% new French & Hungarian oak
<i>2018 Growing Season</i>	2018 was an extraordinary year. We had the most predictable weather conditions with no heat spikes which resulted in the longest hangtime on the vines. Vintner Ralph Hertelendy believes it was the best vintage of the decade.
<i>Alcohol %</i>	14.7
<i>Cases Produced</i>	296
<i>Winemakers</i>	Ralph Hertelendy & Phillip Corallo-Titus



### CRITIC'S REVIEWS

*"Rich and oak-driven, this impressive, over-the-top wine is aged in 90% new French and Hungarian oak. Buttery crème brûlée and tropical pineapple, guava and an opulent texture give it a complex intensity that persists in baking spice and vanilla on the palate."*  
— 94 Points, Wine Enthusiast

### VINTNER'S COMMENTS

*"I strongly believe that the best California Chardonnays ever produced were in the 1990's: big, bold, seductive...I truly miss that lost art tremendously, and am doing my best to revive that style in a balanced and sophisticated manner that has the big flavor profile of yore interlaced with the elegance of today using modern technology."* — Ralph Hertelendy

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

*"It's like Marcassin, but at a fraction of the cost."* — Emil Eyvazoff, Owner of 71 Above