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2014 Chardonnay - Kent The Younger - Russian River Valley

THE VINEYARD:

Located in the heart of the Russian River Valley, this vineyard sits atop a special spot overlooking the surrounding vineyards in the area. The vineyard is highly coveted with numerous winemakers sourcing from here. Everyone gets their own dedicated row (or half as the case may be). However, not all Ritchie Vineyard wines are created equal. Throw in personal preferences with at least one winery picking 2 weeks ahead of everyone else and a couple wineries on the other end of the spectrum. Leads to some very diverse wines. We fall somewhere in the middle.

WINEMAKING:

The chardonnay clusters were gently pressed whole cluster into tank for sediment to settle out naturally overnight. Then, the juice was fermented in 20% new French oak barrels, the remainder in neutral French oak barrels, and aged sur lies with battonage (lees stirring) once a month. Full malolactic fermentation took place. The wine was aged 10 months in barrel before bottling. 13.6%ABV. 198 cases produced.

THE WINE:

Nose of Meyer lemons, wet stones, and crushed oyster shell, There is also a bit of the classic bright pear and exotic tropical fruit that is the hallmark of this vineyard but it is framed by brilliant acidity. A great oyster and other shellfish wine.

