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2023 Chardonnay
Ritchie Vineyard Russian River

VINEYARD PROFILE
Enshrined in Sonoma's revered Russian River Valley, Ritchie Vineyard epitomizes Chardonnay excellence. Planted in Goldridge loam by Kent Ritchie in 1972, its Wente clone vines flourish amidst the daily fog and northwest exposure. With meticulous care, Ritchie cultivates wines renowned for their natural acidity and minerality, reflecting the vineyard's unique terroir. The Ritchie Vineyard is considered one of California's Grand Cru Vineyards.

WINE PROFILE
This Chardonnay epitomizes elegance and refinement that speaks to the terroir of the Russian River Valley, offering a truly memorable tasting experience.

VINTAGE OVERVIEW
The 2023 vintage in Napa Valley will go down in history as one of the most spectacular, smooth, and text-book perfect growing seasons of the century. Coming off an exceptionally wet winter that fully saturated the soils, a cool spring led to a late budbreak and extended flowering. What followed was a dream summer—the longest, coolest growing season the valley had seen in over a decade, entirely devoid of major heat waves. This unprecedentedly long "hang-time" allowed the fruit to ripen with effortless, slow-motion precision. At harvest, the grapes boasted spectacular natural acidity, electric aromatics, and fully mature, silk-like phenolic tannins, yielding a classic, vibrant wine that beautifully balances power with an elegant sense of weightlessness.

WINEMAKING NOTES
The fruit was hand-harvested and immediately pressed before undergoing a clean racking. Fermentation commenced on the second day post-racking inside a concrete egg, where primary fermentation lasted for approximately 10 days. The wine was then transitioned into a slower, three-week secondary fermentation phase, where it was meticulously monitored to intentionally retain 1 g/L of malic acid. The wine was aged on its lees for nine months entirely within the concrete egg, undergoing both cold and heat stabilization prior to bottling to preserve its pure textual integrity and mineral structure.

Appellation:	Russian River, Sonoma County
Vineyard:	Ritchie Vineyard
Varietal:	100% Chardonnay
Harvest Date:	August 29, 2023
Alcohol:	13.6%
Fermentation:	Native fermentation in concrete egg (10-day primary; 3-week secondary). Malolactic fermentation partial (1g/l of malic acid retained)
Aging Vessel:	100% Concrete Egg for 9 months
Stabilization:	Full cold and heat stabilization achieved before bottling

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