

# RED • CAR

WEST SONOMA COAST

## 2015 RITCHIE VINEYARD

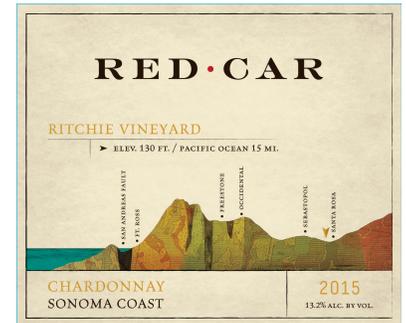
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## CHARDONNAY

SONOMA COAST

### ► RITCHIE VINEYARD

Few new world Chardonnay sites rival the prestige of the famed Ritchie Vineyard. These true old Wente clone vines are among the oldest Chardonnay growing in all of Sonoma County and after four years of working with this magnificent site, we now fully understand how to bring the Red Car voice to these celebrated old vines. In 2015, we continued to harness the potential of the vineyard by creating a Chardonnay with perfume, texture, minerality, and nuance. This wine can certainly be enjoyed at a young bottle age but the rewards for cellaring the 2015 Ritchie Vineyard Chardonnay will be significant.



### ► TASTE

Lemon rind, apricot, stone fruit

### ► WHO WE ARE

For nearly 20 years, we have been on a journey—one that started with 50 cases of Syrah vinified in a garage in sunny Los Angeles. A short time later, we marched steadily northward toward a vision of cooler vineyard sites and the complex, aromatic wines they can express. Today, under the direction of viticulturist, Greg Adams, and winemaker, Tanner Scheer, we farm five dramatic ridge-top vineyards in Occidental, Sebastopol, Freestone and Cazadero. This rugged terrain's coastal influence—where the Pacific fog filters in daily through giant redwoods until warm sunshine sends it back out to the sea—provides perfect growing conditions for our hallmark style: perfumed aromatics, bright fruit, crisp texture and uplifting acidity. An early leader in the formation of the proposed West Sonoma Coast AVA, we are passionately committed to producing wines of purity and focus that express the authentic varietal character and terroir of each unique coastal vineyard site. At our core, we are a small, independent farming operation committed to conservation and sustainability.

### ► SPECS

VINEYARD	<i>Ritchie</i>
AVA	<i>Sonoma Coast</i>
PRODUCTION	<i>300 Cases</i>
AVERAGE BRIX	<i>21.8°</i>
TOTAL ACIDITY	<i>8.0 g/L</i>
FRENCH OAK	<i>15% New, 85% Neutral</i>
PH LEVEL	<i>3.14</i>
CLONES	<i>Old Wente</i>
SOIL TYPE	<i>Goldridge</i>
BARREL AGING	<i>16 Months</i>
VINE SPACING	<i>9 x 5</i>
RELEASE DATE	<i>February 2019</i>

VINEYARDS *on the* EDGE OF THE PACIFIC

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