



vineyard

APPELLATION	Russian River Valley, Sonoma County
SITE	Ritchie Vineyard, near the heart of the valley.
SOIL	Goldridge sandy loam, formed from an inland sea, over volcanic tufa and pumice, giving the fruit unique minerality.
VINES	Clone 1 with some Musque clone planted on AXR-1. Vines are spaced 8' x 12' and orientated NE by SW.
PLANTED	1980

vintage

GROWING SEASON	2014 began with a dry winter and early spring. Much needed rain relieved the vines in February and March. Nighttime temperatures dropped to the 50's at the peak of ripening while days remained warm, promoting slow, even ripening.
BRIX HARVESTED	22.5 ° Brix September 4

winemaking

VARIETAL	100% Sauvignon Blanc
FERMENTATION	Native yeast, non-ML in concrete eggs after whole-cluster pressing.
AGING	<i>Sur lies</i> aged in concrete eggs for eight months; bottled unfiltered.
CASES ALCOHOL	350 13.5%
RELEASED SRP	August 2015 \$34

flavors

TEXTURE PALATE	Grapefruit oil and lime zest balance bold mineral character.
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“This Sauvignon Blanc comes from 35 year-old vines growing in sandy Goldridge Loam over volcanic rock in the renowned Ritchie Vineyard. The richness and minerality of this site are honed through whole-cluster pressing and native yeast fermentation in concrete egg-shaped fermenters. Aged for eight months, sur lies.” – David Ramey

