

Hertelendy Vineyards Chardonnay Ritchie Vyd

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: USA - CA

REGION: Sonoma

APPELLATION: Russian River Valley

CEPAGE: 100% Chardonnay

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME: 14.7%

AGING: 19 Months in 90% new French & Hungarian oak

ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 296 Cases

THE STORY

Hertelendy wines represent our Old-World family winemaking traditions that began over 300 years ago. We specialize in producing Bordeaux varietals from volcanic terroir, including Pritchard Hill, Atlas Peak, and our very own 4+ acre, 1365 ft elevation "Rockwell Ridge" estate vineyard (35 ft below the Howell Mountain AVA) planted in 1993.

PHILOSOPHY: Vintner Ralph Hertelendy and consultant Phillip Corallo-Titus (from Chappellet & Titus), collaborate to craft these beautiful wines. They push the envelope with their winemaking techniques in the pursuit of elegance, purity, and complexity. Hertelendy's red wines barrel age in 90% new French and Hungarian oak for 23 months, whites barrel age for 19 months, and all wines are then bottle-aged another year before release.

THE ADJECTIVES

OVERALL: Indulgent and rich

AROMAS / FLAVORS: Pineapple, guava, and honeysuckle on the front-to-mid palate with a long-lasting crème brûlée finish

MOUTHFEEL: Opulent with complex intensity

THE SELLING POINTS

AWARDS: 94pts Wine Enthusiast

PAIRINGS: Grilled langoustine with garlic butter, Crab and avocado salad, Cauliflower gratin

