

PEIRSON
MEYER
SAUVIGNON BLANC
RITCHIE VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
2013

Vineyard / Production Notes

- Winemaker - Robbie Meyer
- Production: 200 cases
- Russian River Valley Appellation
- Elevation: 900 ft.
- Vine Age: 40 years
- Trellis: VSP (vertical shoot position)
- Soils: Goldridge/Loam Soils
- Harvested in September 2013
- Whole Cluster Press
- Barrel Fermented
- Wild Yeast Fermentation
- Non-Malolactic Fermentation
- Neutral Oak
- Barrel Aged 8 Months
- Bottled in April 2014
- \$30 per bottle

Winemaker Notes

The first aromas that come from the glass are white peach and pear, which persist as notes of passion fruit and mineral qualities build. The mouthfeel is what you might expect from both old vines and the Russian River; a viscous texture, but it maintains a beautifully focused acidity.

Ritchie Vineyard

Located in the center of the Russian River, the Kent Ritchie Vineyard was planted in 1972 in pure Goldridge Loam (historically from the bed of an inland sea). Typical of the Russian River Valley, the climate is a balance of warm days, with nights cooled by coastal breezes. The marriage of old vines and a perfect wine growing climate produce grapes of tremendous intensity and aromas.

Review by Robert Parker
The Wine Advocate

The 2013 Sauvignon Blanc Ritchie Vineyard was barrel-aged in exactly the same way, but it comes from Goldridge soils and much older vines. It is a more exotic Sauvignon revealing notes of honeysuckle, melons, tangerines and oranges, fresh acidity, and a medium-bodied, intense mouthfeel displaying a hint of peaches. An ostentatiously styled Sauvignon Blanc made from 30-year-old vines, it should drink well for several years. - 91 pts.

