



Searby Vineyard Chardonnay

Vineyard Description Searby Vineyard was planted in 1972 on the "Goldridge" sandy loam soils of the Russian River Valley. The vineyard is situated on a west-facing, gently sloping hill that is dry farmed and is very cool due to the marine influence. The clusters tend to have a combination of small and large berries, while the heirloom clonal selection provides Muscat-like flavors. Nickel & Nickel produces Chardonnay from the 10-acre vineyard.

Appellation Russian River Valley (Sonoma)

Year Planted 1972

Varietal Chardonnay

Acreage 10 acres

Clone & Rootstock Rued Chardonnay clone on St. George rootstock

Trellising California sprawl

Geology This vineyard is comprised of sandy loam from the Goldridge soil series, which consist of deep, soft and well-drained soils.

Tasting Notes This wine has beautiful floral aromatics that are quite distinctive. It opens with flavors of peach and passion fruit, which give sweet impressions, even though the wine is dry. Its naturally crisp acidity is quite refreshing with the opulent fruit, and the palate is enhanced by rich, French oak that melds with the flavors to achieve a long, lingering finish.