



2016 STICKYBEAK CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKER:	Bill Nancarrow
REGION:	Russian River (Sonoma County), California
VARIETALS:	Chardonnay
MATURATION:	25% in seasoned oak barrels
ANALYSIS:	14.5% alc/vol TA 5.6 g/l pH 3.66

WINEMAKING:

Let's face it, Chardonnay can be quite obnoxious if played with a heavy hand. To achieve fine flavor and a lively texture with cleansing length, the oak is not overdone and the creamy butterscotch and malolactic characters are kept to a minimum (40% in this case). One-third of the Chardonnay was fermented in stainless steel tanks to maintain its freshness while only older, lightly toasted oak was used on the balance.

REGION:

Russian River has become one of the most sought after addresses for Californian Chardonnay for good reason – it produces wonderfully expressive fruit with concentrated flavors and high natural acidity. In 2016 fruit was sourced from the Russian River's Carinalli and Oak Meadows Vineyards.

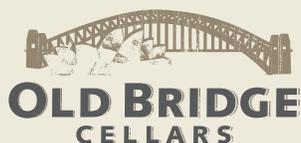
TASTING NOTES:

Lifted aromas of citrus blossom, Asian pear, and preserved lemon on the nose, with underlying notes of white peach and fresh ginger. The palate is long with impressive depth and breadth. Flavors of dried pear, lemon, creamy custard and nuances of toasted cashew are interwoven along a clean, zesty finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

Not yet reviewed.

ABOUT THAT NAME . . . 'Stickybeak': Australian slang for 'nosey neighbor', or to be 'overly inquisitive'. After twenty years living in California's wine country while importing regional benchmarks from the Antipodes, our curious streak got the better of us. We searched for the best sites that the California wine-growing regions in our backyard have to offer, and the grape varieties that best express their individuality. Whether its Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc from Sonoma's Russian River Valley or Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir, our wines are hand-crafted, authentic expressions of the land they come from.



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