

'MA PRINCESSE' RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

Ma Princesse is "full-bodied with a **Bâtard-Montrachet-like richness** and **intensity** as well as background minerality, this profound white wine should drink well for 10+ years."

Robert M. Parker, Jr. The Wine Advocate, December 2014





The consistently small size of the berries of the Old Wente Chardonnay, held by our daughter Claire, enhances the concentration and complexity of 'Ma Princesse.'

Located on the river bench of Sonoma County's Russian River, this vineyard benefits from ideal conditions for the Chardonnay vines. The cuttings came from the Old Wente, the field selection renowned for its excellent quality and richness. This concentration originates from the typical petite size of the berries. Handcrafted by using classical winemaking techniques, this special wine is dedicated to our daughter, Claire Morlet. It is 'My Princess' or 'Ma Princesse.'

Winemaker Notes: Straw yellow color: Aromas of lemon drop, Reinette apple skin and fresh herbs (chamomile). Full-bodied and concentrated, this wine displays a creamy and rich texture which coats the palate for a very long time. Built to age gracefully for over a decade, this wine will gain being cellared for six months to a year before starting to reveal itself.

Proprietary name 'Ma Princesse' Name meaning My Princess

> Petit size of the Old Wente berries Named after our daughter Claire Morlet

Varietal composition Chardonnay

Type of wine Vineyard designated Appellation Russian River Valley

Vineyard singularity Located on the hillside by the river bank

35-100 feet elevation Southern exposure

Goldridge and volcanic soils

Typical harvest date Mid-October

Picking Manual, small lugs, refrigerated truck

Sorting Cluster by cluster

Fermentation In barrel through native yeast

Upbringing Malolactic

Sur lies with bâtonnage

French oak from selected artisan coopers

Bottling Unfined, unfiltered

Cellaring time 5-10 years

Serving Slightly below room temperature

Decanted when served young

