



WINE ENTHUSIAST

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98 POINTS

Ramey 2016 Rochioli Vineyard Chardonnay (Russian River Valley)

The second vintage of this vineyard-designate is a standout: beautifully crafted to reflect its meticulously farmed fruit and master winemaking. Brioche, honeyed apple, anise and pear wrap around crisp acidity and integrated oak, the wine's innate power balanced within an elegant framework of structure and graceful texture.

96 POINTS

Ramey 2016 Westside Farms Estate Chardonnay (Russian River Valley)

From the producer's estate property for the third vintage release, this wine possesses a beautiful layering of minerality and expressive fruit characteristics of lemon verbena and pear. Complex and elegant, it is powerfully built and silky smooth, with quietly integrated oak and a ginger-like spiciness to the finish.

96 POINTS

Ramey 2016 Woolsey Road Vineyard Chardonnay (Russian River Valley)

From a site in the heart of the appellation farmed by the Martinelli family, this wine is sparkling in acidity and crisp well-defined flavors of lemon rind and green apple. It explodes in apple blossom and jasmine aromas, with lovely balanced richness and body weight, the oak lending a layering of baking spice.

96 POINTS

Editors' Choice

Ramey 2016 Chardonnay (Fort Ross-Seaview)

Nutty hazelnut and stony minerality combine seamlessly in this impressive white from the coastal appellation. Full bodied, concentrated and structured, it imparts steely, lively flavors of lemon peel and tangerine, finishing with a soft silkiness to the texture and overall balance of weight.

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Ramey 2016 Chardonnay (Russian River Valley)

This is a great appellation wine, overdelivering on price with an opening touch of matchstick that evolves into a stony, high-toned expression of tangerine and blood orange. Within the fruit are savory notes of nutmeg, hazelnut and ginger that linger leisurely on the lengthy finish.