



‘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 Goldridge soil containing metamorphic rock. The cuttings come from the Old Wente field selection, renowned for excellent quality and minerality. Its concentration originates from the typically petite size of the berries. Handcrafted using classical Burgundian techniques, this 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

