

	Retail	Savings
<b>\$14.99</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>25%</b>

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## 2017 Raeburn Winery Chardonnay product-timed-pdf - Russian River Valley, CA - 90pts James Suckling

### Why We're Drinking It

**90pts James Suckling:** *Bright and very primary on the nose with attractive, poached pears. The palate has a very neat and fresh array of pears and melon with a subtly chalky edge.*

Raeburn is an Olde English term which means the river where one goes to drink. So it's fitting that Raeburn's expressive, beautifully balanced Chardonnay begins in the heart of the Russian River Valley where some of the world's finest Chardonnay grapes are grown.

The Russian River Valley is cooled by daily fog off the Pacific Ocean located a few miles to the west. Nearly every evening, fog flows up the Russian River channel and east through the Petaluma Gap producing diurnal temperature swings ranging from 35° to 40° F. Nature's air conditioning allows our Chardonnay to ripen slowly while retaining its bright, natural acidity.

Raeburn Winery Founder, Derek Benham, was born to consummate birdwatcher and passionate naturalist, Phyllis Benham, who instilled within him a deep respect for nature. Derek founded Raeburn Winery in Phyllis' honor in 2012, with a mission to protect the thriving and diverse watersheds of the Russian River Valley she so loved and provide a safe habitat for grapes and creatures alike. As a further nod to Phyllis and the Raeburn mission, the graceful egret is honored on the label, a common sight along local waterways.

Raeburn is made in a Certified California Sustainable Winery. Our system and set of beliefs reflect the best practices of sustainable production including mindful winemaking and low impact farming.

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### Tasting Notes

Raeburn Chardonnay shows an array of complex fruit tones ranging from pear and Gravenstein apple to nectarine. The fruit is beautifully complemented with toasted oak, vanilla and hints of Crème Brûlée with a balanced and elegant finish

**VARIETAL**

100% Chardonnay

**APPELLATION**

Russian River Valley

**ALCOHOL**

14.00

**SIZE**

750ml

**BLEND**

100% Chardonnay

**AGING/COOPERAGE**

75% barrel fermented in French & Hungarian oak, 50% new

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