

2016 Chardonnay Durell Vineyard - Sonoma Coast



THE VINEYARD

The Sojourn Durell Vineyard Chardonnay is made from 100% Old Wente clone from two blocks of the famous Durell Vineyard. The Hill block was planted in the 90s and gives very low yields of small clusters with prominent hen and chick berries. These small bunches provide extraordinary flavors, complexity, and texture. The Barn block's young vines were planted in 2009 and they are still only producing small amounts of fruit with concentrated, lively, and exotic characteristics.

WINEMAKER NOTES

In 2016, California experienced a fifth year of severe drought conditions, resulting in small grape clusters with tiny berries. Yields were slightly higher than in 2015 as the vines were more in balance. Moderate summer temperatures allowed sugar levels and flavor development to progress slowly and evenly. A few brief heat spikes gave way to a cooler than normal August, allowing for longer hang times without rapid sugar accumulation. The resulting wines are robust with deep, concentrated flavors combined with a remarkable freshness. We were particularly impressed with the expressive flavors and rich character of Chardonnay grapes in the 2016 vintage. Our 2016 Durell Vineyard grapes were harvested in separate blocks and fermented in a combination of new and used French oak barrels from top coopers. This wine displays outstanding energy on the palate, with citrus and stone fruits and a long, clean finish.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

- 100% Chardonnay
- Pressed whole-cluster
- Fermented in French oak barrels
- 75% malolactic fermentation
- Native yeast
- 40% new French oak
- Bottled unfiltered
- Bottled August 2017

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.3%
- pH: 3.42
- TA: 6.4 g/L
- Release date: Fall 2018
- Retail price: \$48
- 450 cases produced
- AVA: Sonoma Coast

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ABOUT THE WINERY

Based in the town of Sonoma, Sojourn Cellars is a highly acclaimed winery specializing in the production of artisan Pinot noir, Chardonnay, and Cabernet Sauvignon wines.

We source fruit from celebrated vineyards in both Sonoma and Napa Counties, and we help direct farming operations to assure that our grapes are produced using world-class growing techniques. We have consistently produced high-quality wines with a hands-off natural winemaking style that showcases the character and personality of individual vineyards.