

2016 Chardonnay Reuling Vineyard - Sonoma Coast



THE VINEYARD

Reuling Vineyard is located in the Sonoma Coast AVA, just off Highway 116 between Graton and Forestville. Planted in 2000 under the direction of Mark Aubert and Peter Michael Winery, this vineyard is comprised of 12.2 acres of Pinot noir and 2.2 acres of Chardonnay. The latter was propagated from clones of Burgundy's famed Montrachet vineyard. Reuling Vineyard is perched on a small hillside with gentle slopes at an elevation of 250 feet. It benefits from the cool marine influences converging from the coast, yet is exposed to the sun and afternoon heat, allowing the grapes to reach optimal maturity. It's Goldridge soils are extremely sandy which naturally stresses the vines, resulting in low yields and concentrated flavors.

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. Grapes from this single block of Montrachet clone were picked at night and whole-cluster pressed to reveal the unique character and singular focus of the Chardonnay from this renowned vineyard. This unique terroir transcends our hands-off winemaking approach, resulting in a rich, distinctive wine.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

- 100% Chardonnay
- Pressed whole cluster
- Fermented in French oak barrels
- 100% malolactic fermentation
- Native yeast
- 50% new French oak
- Bottled unfiltered
- Bottled August 2017

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.2%
- pH: 3.48
- TA: 5.6 g/L
- Release date: Spring 2018
- Retail price: \$69
- 150 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.