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Campbell Ranch Vineyard, 2012 Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast

(20% new oak): Light, bright yellow. Vibrant, mineral-accented orchard and citrus fruit aromas are given depth by notes of beeswax, anise and smoky lees. Offers intense Meyer lemon and pear skin flavors that put on weight with aeration and pick up zesty mineral and chamomile qualities. Shows very good energy on the persistent finish, which repeats the citrus notes. This is all old Wente clone fruit.

175 cases made Score: 91

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Durell Vineyard 2012 Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast

(all old Wente clone; 40% new oak): Bright yellow-gold. Smoky, oak-spiced citrus and orchard fruit aromas are lifted by zesty mineral and ginger nuances and pick up hints of iodine and toasted grain in the glass. Smooth and expansive in the mouth, offering smoky pear and tangerine flavors that tighten up with air. Rich and lively, with very good closing thrust, length and resonating minerality.

275 cases made Score: 90

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Sangiaco Vineyard 2012 Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast

(all old Wente clone, whole cluster-pressed, native yeasts and 30% new oak): Pale gold. Fresh pear, pineapple and lychee on the fragrant, oak-spiced nose. Plush but lively, offering smoky tropical and orchard fruit flavors and notes of tarragon and smoky lees. A zesty Meyer lemon quality builds on the finish, adding lift and refreshing cut. Shows the fleshiness that marks this vintage, but doesn't betray any undue weight.

300 cases made Score: 90