

2013 Chardonnay Sonoma Coast



THE VINEYARDS

Our Sonoma Coast Chardonnay is a blend of unique lots from several distinct Sonoma Coast vineyard sites. Old Wente Clone from the Sangiacomo Vella and Green Acres ranches form a foundation of bright aromatics and balance. Clone 95 from the Sangiacomo Roberts Road vineyard adds minerality and length. In 2013, we blended in a touch of Durell Vineyard Old Wente Clone Chardonnay from the historic Hill block to add a layer of rich fruit character and body. Another Old Wente Clone block from Campbell Ranch Vineyard, located in the northern Sonoma Coast near the town of Annapolis, rounds out the blend with tropical notes, focus, and tension.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2013 growing season began early, with a warm and dry spring, and continued with moderate heat that allowed the Chardonnay to develop complex flavors at lower Brix levels. Dry weather in both winter and spring resulted in smaller berry sizes with high levels of concentration and detailed aromatics. Each component in this blend was fermented separately in French oak barrels with 30% new oak. Lees were stirred regularly during the first three months of fermentation and aging. Malolactic fermentation was allowed to complete in barrel. After 11 months of aging, the components were blended together to create a winemaker's cuvee that is expressive of the cool climate, nuance, and balance of the Sonoma Coast appellation.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

- 100% Chardonnay
- Pressed whole-cluster
- Fermented in French oak barrels
- 100% malolactic fermentation
- Native yeast
- 30% new French oak
- Bottled unfined
- Bottled September 2014

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.1%
- pH: 3.62
- TA: 6.0 g/L
- Release date: Spring 2015
- Retail price: \$38
- 600 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.