

2014 Chardonnay Sangiacomo Vineyard - Sonoma Coast



THE VINEYARD

The core of our Sojourn Sangiacomo Vineyard Chardonnay is from the same vineyard source as the highly-acclaimed Sojourn Sangiacomo Vineyard Pinot noir wines. This wine features a combination of Clone 95 Chardonnay from Sangiacomo Roberts Road Vineyard and Old Wente Clone from Sangiacomo Vella Ranch and Green Acres. The Roberts Road block, planted in 1998, provides minerality and vibrancy. The Old Wente Clone selections are known to produce distinctively small clusters, low yields, and result in elegant, complex wines that round out this blend. These ranches are located within the Sonoma Coast AVA, and are perfectly suited for growing Chardonnay, with cool climates and well-draining soils.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2014 growing season began very early with winter drought conditions leading to early bud break and one of the earliest harvests on record. March rains fueled the vines and moderate summer weather allowed the grapes to develop at an even pace. We began picking in late August as the grapes achieved optimal ripeness. All of our Pinot noir and Chardonnay grapes were picked by the end of September. Thicker skins and even ripening conditions resulted in balanced, complex wines of depth and nuance. In 2014, the individual Sangiacomo vineyard components were harvested on separate nights and delivered to the winery early in the mornings. They were immediately whole– cluster pressed and barreled down into French oak barrels for fermentation after settling overnight. This Chardonnay was fermented slowly in a temperature–controlled cold room to retain bright aromatics and freshness.

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 July 2015

FINISHED WINE

- DETAILS
- Alcohol: 14.1%
- pH: 3.55
- TA: 6.5 g/L
- Release date: Spring 2016
- Retail price: \$45
- 375 cases produced
- AVA: Sonoma Coast

TASTING SALON

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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.