

2015 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

The 2015 growing season started with a bang — an unusually warm winter and dry spring promoted early bud break, with severe drought conditions continuing throughout the entire growing season. Vines responded by producing loose clusters and smaller berries with an abundance of flavor. It was one of the earliest harvests on record with lower than average yields. The resulting wines display tremendous finesse, depth and aromatic intensity. We were particularly impressed with the robust flavors, rich character and balance of Chardonnay grapes in the 2015 vintage. Our 2015 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
- 100% malolactic fermentation
- Native yeast
- 40% new French oak
- Bottled unfiltered
- Bottled August 2016

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.3%
- pH: 3.31
- TA: 6.5 g/L
- Release date: Fall 2017
- 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.