



2015 Chardonnay Gap's Crown Vineyard - Sonoma Coast

THE VINEYARD

Gap's Crown Vineyard is situated on Roberts Road just above the Sangiacomo Vineyard. This is a high-end hillside vineyard that has been quickly gathering acclaim. 2015 was our second vintage producing Chardonnay from this vineyard after making Pinot noir from the same site since 2007. We source Chardonnay grapes from two distinctive blocks within the vineyard. The Clone 95 block was planted in 2004 on 16-16 rootstock and has a beautiful south facing aspect. The Clone 76 block was also planted in 2004 on RG rootstock and is planted running over a ridgeline with a variety of exposures. Both blocks start off in a sandy loam with alluvial gravel, and as they ascend up hill, the soils change into black, iron rich loam with higher proportions of volcanic rocks. Clusters are typically small and dense with prominent hen and chick berries.

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. The Gap's Crown Chardonnay was harvested at night and gently whole-cluster pressed. The juice was fermented at a low temperature to maintain the delicate aromatics of the fruit before being aged in French oak barrels.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

- 100% Chardonnay
- Pressed whole-cluster
- Fermented in French oak barrels
- 100% malolactic fermentation
- Native yeast
- 30% new French oak
- Bottled unfiltered
- Bottled September 2016

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.2%
- pH: 3.24
- TA: 7.0 g/L
- Release date: Fall 2017
- Retail price: \$45
- 275 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.

Craig Haserot
Proprietor

Erich Bradley
Winemaker

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Associate Winemaker