



2015 Chardonnay Sangiaco Vineyard - Sonoma Coast



THE VINEYARD

The core of our Sojourn Sangiaco Vineyard Chardonnay is from the same vineyard source as the highly-acclaimed Sojourn Sangiaco Vineyard Pinot noir wines. This wine features a combination of Clone 95 Chardonnay from Sangiaco Roberts Road Vineyard and Old Wente Clone from Sangiaco 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 2015 vintage 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 and ripe tannins. It was one of the earliest harvests on record with lower than average yields. The resulting wines display tremendous finesse, depth and aromatic intensity. In 2015, the individual Sangiaco 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 unfiltered
- Bottled July 2016

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.1%
- pH: 3.39
- TA: 7.0 g/L
- Release date: Spring 2017
- Retail price: \$45
- 350 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

Randy Bennett
Associate Winemaker