

2016 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 2016, 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. Clone 95 from Gap's Crown Vineyard rounds out the blend with citrus notes, focus and tension.

WINEMAKER NOTES

In 2016, California experienced a fifth year of severe drought conditions, resulting in small grape clusters with tiny berries. Yields were slightly higher than in 2015 as the vines were more in balance. Moderate summer temperatures allowed sugar levels and flavor development to progress slowly and evenly. A few brief heat spikes gave way to a cooler than normal August, allowing for longer hang times without rapid sugar accumulation. The resulting wines are robust with deep, concentrated flavors combined with a remarkable freshness. 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 10 months of aging, the components were blended together to create a winemaker's cuvée 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 unfiltered
- Bottled June 2017

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.1%
- pH: 3.48
- TA: 6.2 g/L
- Release date: Spring 2018
- Retail price: \$38
- 800 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.