

# 2017 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 2017 vintage endured tragic wildfires that were driven by 80 mph winds on October 8–9. The fires devastated Napa and Sonoma counties, destroyed more than 8,000 structures, took 44 lives and disrupted winery operations for several days. Fortunately, all of our Chardonnay grapes were picked prior to the fires and there was no impact to our 2017 Chardonnay wines. Balanced vines and temperature fluctuations resulted in layers of flavors and complexity in the wines. The overall high quality of the vintage is a blessing after such challenging events. Our 2017 Durell Vineyard grapes were harvested in separate blocks and fermented in a combination of new and used French oak barrels from top coopers. We split the pick of the Barn block to retain freshness in an early pick while gaining aromatic complexity in a late pick. 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
- 75% malolactic fermentation
- Native yeast
- 40% new French oak
- Bottled unfiltered
- Bottled August 2018

## FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.3%
- pH: 3.37
- TA: 6.9 g/L
- Release date: Fall 2019
- Retail price: \$48
- 500 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.