

# 2018 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. Durell Vineyard Old Wente Clone Chardonnay from the historic Hill block adds 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

The 2018 Sonoma Coast vintage offered moderate weather, cool evening temperatures and a long, even growing season. The weather conditions were ideal and allowed the grapes to ripen slowly and evenly over the course of summer and early fall. This allowed the grapes to gain flavor complexities and ripe tannins, while retaining natural acidity. The vineyards offered grapes of exceptional quality and high yields alike. 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
- 85% malolactic fermentation
- · Native yeast
- 30% new French oak
- · Bottled unfined
- Bottled August 2019

## FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- · Alcohol: 14.1%
- pH: 3.51
- TA: 6.4 g/L
- Release date: Spring 2020
- Retail price: \$38
- 1,000 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.