

2018 Chardonnay Reuling Vineyard - Sonoma Coast



THE VINEYARD

Reuling Vineyard is located in the Sonoma Coast AVA, just off Highway 116 between Graton and Forestville. Planted in 2000 under the direction of Mark Aubert and Peter Michael Winery, this vineyard is comprised of 12.2 acres of Pinot noir and 2.2 acres of Chardonnay. The latter was propagated from clones of Burgundy's famed Montrachet vineyard. Reuling Vineyard is perched on a small hillside with gentle slopes at an elevation of 250 feet. It benefits from the cool marine influences converging from the coast, yet is exposed to the sun and afternoon heat, allowing the grapes to reach optimal maturity. Its Goldridge soils are extremely sandy which naturally stresses the vines, resulting in low yields and concentrated flavors.

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. Grapes from this single block of Montrachet clone were picked at night and whole-cluster pressed to reveal the unique character and singular focus of the Chardonnay from this renowned vineyard. This unique terroir transcends our hands-off winemaking approach, resulting in a rich, distinctive wine.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

- 100% Chardonnay
- Pressed whole cluster
- Fermented in French oak barrels
- 100% malolactic fermentation
- Native yeast
- 50% new French oak
- Bottled unfiltered
- Bottled August 2019

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.2%
- pH: 3.54
- TA: 5.9 g/L
- Release date: Spring 2020
- Retail price: \$69
- 200 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.