

2019 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 extremely sandy Goldridge soils naturally stress the vines, resulting in low yields and concentrated flavors.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2019 vintage was similar to 2018 in that the mild season allowed for long and slow maturation. The lack of major heat waves and virtually no rain during harvest allowed us to pick every vineyard block at optimal ripeness. The 2019 vintage was slightly lower yielding, which resulted in greater concentration in the wines. Balanced structures and rich flavors are consistent throughout the 2019 vintage wines. 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. Yields were small in 2019, with small, loose clusters. 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 unfined
- Bottled August 2020

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.2%
- pH: 3.51
- TA: 5.8 g/L
- Release date: Fall 2021
- 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.