

2021 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 2021 growing season offered optimal conditions in the Sonoma Coast to harvest grapes of exceptional quality. The air remained clear with no fires in Sonoma and pandemic lock downs ended. Our spirits were lifted, and the grape harvest and wine quality benefited. Brief heat waves in August and September ripened the grapes to ideal maturity as the weather stayed dry until major rains arrived October 22, after our grapes were harvested. Yields were lower than average in 2021, with small berries and loose clusters creating wines of increased depth and concentration. 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 again low in 2021, with minuscule clusters. This Chardonnay offers distinctive savory notes that lift the rich fruit flavors.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

- 100% Chardonnay
- Pressed whole cluster
- Fermented in French oak barrels
- 75% malolactic fermentation
- Native yeast
- 50% new French oak
- Bottled unfiltered
- Bottled August 2022

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.2%
- pH: 3.44
- TA: 5.8 g/L
- Release date: Summer 2023
- 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.