



2021 Chardonnay Sangiaco Vinyard - Sonoma Coast



THE VINEYARD

The core of our Sojourn Sangiaco Vinyard Chardonnay is from the same vineyard source as the highly-acclaimed Sojourn Sangiaco Vinyard Pinot noir wines. This wine features a combination of Clone 95 Chardonnay from Sangiaco Roberts Road Vinyard and Old Wente Clone from Sangiaco Green Acres ranch. The Roberts Road block, planted in 1998, provides minerality and vibrancy. The Old Wente Clone selection is known to produce distinctively small clusters, low yields, and results in elegant, complex wines that round out this blend. These ranches are perfectly suited for growing Chardonnay, with cool climates and well-draining soils.

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. 2021 Chardonnay grapes were immediately whole-cluster pressed off their skins once picked. The individual Sangiaco vinyard components were harvested at night and fermented separately in 30% new French oak barrels. Roberts Road Vinyard is featured prominently in the 2021 blend, offering exceptional apple and citrus flavors with fresh acidity and a long finish.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

- 100% Chardonnay
- Pressed whole-cluster
- Fermented in French oak barrels
- 65% malolactic fermentation
- Native yeast
- 30% new French oak
- Bottled unfinned in August 2022

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.1%
- pH: 3.45
- TA: 6.1 g/L
- Release date: Spring 2023
- Retail price: \$45
- 450 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.

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