



2023 CHARDONNAY DURELL VINEYARD SONOMA COAST



THE VINEYARD The Sojourn Durell Vineyard Chardonnay is a made from 100% Old Wente clone from two blocks of the famous Durell Vineyard. The Hill block was planted in the 90s and gives very low yields of small clusters with prominent hen and chick berries. These small bunches provide extraordinary flavors, complexity, and texture. The Barn block's younger vines were planted in 2009 and they are still only producing small yields of fruit with concentrated, lively, and exotic characteristics.

WINEMAKER NOTES 2023 brought an end to several years of drought in California, with ample rains during the winter months. Colder temperatures delayed budbreak, and the vines woke up later than usual. Moderate spring and summer temperatures followed, allowing the grapes to ripen evenly and develop complex flavors. Harvest began three weeks later than average in the Sonoma Coast, and yields were plentiful. In 2023 we picked each block ten days apart and fermented them separately. They blended to produce an intense Chardonnay with persistent structure. We stopped malolactic fermentation at 60% to retain focus and fresh acidity.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING

100% Chardonnay
Pressed whole-cluster
Fermented in French oak barrels
60% malolactic fermentation
Native yeast
40% new French oak
Bottled unfined in August 2024

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

Alcohol: 14.3%
pH: 3.29
TA: 6.8 g/L
Release date: Summer 2025
Retail price: \$59
450 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.

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