



2023 CHARDONNAY REULING VINEYARD SONOMA COAST



THE VINEYARD The organically farmed 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 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. The cool 2023 weather resulted in fresh aromatics and intense flavors. We picked the grapes from this single block of Montrachet clone at night and pressed them whole-cluster immediately in the morning. It offers a distinct savory note and layers of complexity.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING

100% Chardonnay
Pressed whole-cluster
Fermented in French oak barrels
80% malolactic fermentation
Native yeast
50% new French oak
Bottled unfiltered in August 2024

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

Alcohol: 14.2%
pH: 3.30
TA: 6.2 g/L
Release date: Summer 2025
Retail price: \$75
250 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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