

2020 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

2020 was challenging across the globe as we managed through a pandemic full of unknowns and mandated lockdowns. In the Sonoma Coast the grape vines woke up early and demanded their normal attention anyway. Work in the vineyards proceeded with smaller crews that practiced social distancing and wore facial coverings. Summer wild fires threatened many vineyards and hard decisions were made not to pick several vineyard blocks. We kept our focus on producing the highest quality wine. 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 low in 2020, with small, loose clusters. This unique terroir transcended our hands-off winemaking approach, resulting in a rich, distinctive wine.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

- 100% Chardonnay
- Pressed whole cluster
- Fermented in French oak barrels
- 70% malolactic fermentation
- Native yeast
- 50% new French oak
- Bottled unfiltered
- Bottled August 2021

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.2%
- pH: 3.42
- TA: 5.9 g/L
- Release date: Spring 2022
- Retail price: \$69
- 225 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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