



2023 CHARDONNAY GAP'S CROWN VINEYARD SONOMA COAST



THE VINEYARD Gap's Crown Vineyard is situated on Roberts Road just above the Sangiacomo Vineyard. This is a high-end hillside vineyard that has become a gem of the Sonoma Coast. We source Chardonnay grapes from two distinctive blocks within the vineyard. The Clone 95 block was planted in 2004 on 16-16 rootstock and has a beautiful south facing aspect. The Clone 76 block was also planted in 2004 running over a ridgeline with a variety of exposures. Both of these blocks start off in sandy loam with alluvial gravel, transitioning to iron rich loam with higher proportions of volcanic rocks as they ascend uphill. Clusters are small and dense with hen and chick berries.

WINEMAKER NOTES A warm 2022 summer brought one of the earliest harvests on record in the Sonoma Coast, with a September heat wave influencing some picking decisions. Cooler pockets of the Sonoma Coast fared well through the heat and the resulting wines offer depth and finesse. Yields were miniscule, with many vineyards breaking records on the low side for cluster weights. The resulting wines have concentrated flavors with tension and length. Gap's Crown Vineyard clusters and berries were miniscule again in 2023. Both blocks were harvested at night, and the juice was fermented separately in French oak barrels at low temperatures. The cooler temperatures of the vintage resulted in fresh flavors and more minerality.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING

100% Chardonnay
Pressed whole-cluster
Fermented in French oak barrels
80% malolactic fermentation
Native yeast
20% new French oak
Bottled unfined in August 2024

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

Alcohol: 14.2%
pH: 3.48
TA: 7.1 g/L
Release date: Spring 2025
Retail price: \$48
175 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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