

## 2023 CHARDONNAY SONOMA COAST



**THE VINEYARD** Our Sonoma Coast Chardonnay is a blend of unique lots from several distinct Sonoma Coast vineyard sites. Old Wente Clone from the Sangiacomo Green Acres ranch forms a foundation of concentrated stone fruit flavors and layers of texture. Clone 95 from the Sangiacomo Roberts Road vineyard provides deep aromatics and fresh acidity. Durell Vineyard Old Wente Clone Chardonnay from the historic Hill block adds concentrated flavors, minerality, focus and length. Clone 95 from Gap's Crown Vineyard lends citrus notes and crisp acidity, and Montrachet from Reuling Vineyard rounds out the blend, contributing rich texture and savory notes.

**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 long, cool vintage allowed our Chardonnay blocks to ripen evenly and maintain their bright, fresh acidity at the time of harvest. Each component was fermented separately in French oak barrels with 30% new oak. They were later blended to create a balanced wine with alluring aromatics and nuanced, multi-dimensional texture.

## FERMENTATION & BOTTLING

100% Chardonnay Pressed whole-cluster Fermented in French oak barrels 65% malolactic fermentation Native yeast 30% new French oak Bottled unfined in August 2024

## FINISHED WINE DETAILS

Alcohol: 14.1% pH: 3.47 TA: 6.4 g/L Release date: January 2025 Retail price: \$38 1050 cases produced AVA: Sonoma Coast

## TASTING SALON

141 E. Napa Street, Sonoma, CA 95476 707.938.7212 salon@sojourncellars.com sojourncellars.com **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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