

WINE IS A JOURNEY NOT A DESTINATION

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DONELAN FAMILY WINES

## 2016 Sonoma Coast *Genevieve's Block Chardonnay*

The Genevieve's Block Chardonnay has one of the most distinctive nose of any Chardonnays we have tasted, making this wine a consistent gem in our portfolio. Slow ripening at this vineyard means that this is the last Chardonnay we pick each year, and 2016 was the latest pick to date, yet also produced the highest acidity we have seen in any of our wines – ever! This might frighten some producers but it's quite the opposite for us: we daydream about this vineyard from bud break to bottling.

A distinctively slow fermentation transforms this Sonoma Coast Chardonnay into a beauty, with star anise, chai spice, and crème-brûlée on the nose. Orchard fruits come tumbling out of our 2016 Genevieve and join effusive notes of apricot skin and pineapple. The palate is blooming with white flowers, lemon meringue, loads of minerality, and warm biscuit. The acidity and weight balance in this wine is impeccable and it takes you on a walk through a flower market. The 2016 Genevieve's Block captures the personality of the vineyard perfectly, delivering what has become to be seen as a consistently vivid mouthfeel. Extended time on the vine creates an intensely flavored wine with ample freshness that will lend itself well to extended life in bottle. This is a classic from the vineyard and with one of the lowest yields that we have gotten from the property to date, the wine will go fast.

### *Vineyard Notes:*

#### **Location**

This block of Devoto Vineyard is on a west-facing hillside above the town of Sebastopol. The Chardonnay ripens slowly under the full weight of the Pacific Coast influence and produces a remarkably elaborate and elegant wine.

### *Cellar Notes:*

#### **Percentage New Oak**

38%

#### **Barrel Aging**

11 months

#### **Bottling Date**

August 10, 2017

#### **Composition**

100% Chardonnay

#### **Alcohol**

14.5%

#### **Production**

198 cases

