



DONELAN FAMILY WINES

2018 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 one of the last Chardonnay we pick each year. With 2018 being the first non-drought vintage since 2013, a wet winter and spring led to a cool, even, protracted growing season with no heat spikes. The 2018 vintage rewarded winemakers and will reward drinkers with elegant, bright and fresh wines.

The 2018 Genevieve is still young, so it has a naturally fruit-forward "baby fat" quality. Still, a nice flintiness and minerality, roasted nuts, and loquat are already shining through on the nose. The palate is texture driven and vivacious with petrichor and stoniness. It's firm and angular now, but with air and time this wine will definitely improve and grow into itself for the next decade. If you're drinking it now, treat it like a red wine and decant it for a bit.

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

34%

Barrel Aging

10 months

Bottling Date

July 2019

Clones

100% Clone 4

Composition

100% Chardonnay

Alcohol

14.2%

Production

212 cases

