

2020 Sonoma Coast
Genevieve's Block Chardonnay

Genevieve's Block Chardonnay has one of the most distinctive nose of any Chardonnays we have tasted. This wine is a consistent gem in our portfolio. Slow ripening in this vineyard, because of proximity to the Pacific Ocean, means that this is one of the last Chardonnay we pick each year.

A distinctively slow fermentation transformed this Sonoma Coast Chardonnay into a beauty, with star anise, chai spice, and crème-brûlée aromas on the nose. The 2020 Genevieve's Block captures the personality of the vineyard perfectly, delivering what has come to be seen as a consistently vivid mouthfeel. Extended hangtime on the vine creates an intensely flavored wine with ample freshness that will lend itself well to extended life in bottle.

This wine is like a laser on the palate. It has great length, bright acidity, and notes of high toned orchard fruit, fresh baked brioche bread, and quince.

Vineyard Notes:

Location

The 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. The 900-some-odd vines that provide the fruit for this wine are a Donelan mono-pole.

Cellar Notes:

Percentage New Oak

41%

Composition

100% Chardonnay

Barrel Aging

11 months

Alcohol

14.4%

Bottling Date

August 2021

Production

121 cases

