



DONELAN FAMILY WINES

2015 Sonoma Coast Genevieve's Block Chardonnay

We get most excited about the vineyards that produce the most engaging wines – that combine spice and fruit or intense freshness with indulgent richness. In other words, we love balance but also nuance, and revel in opportunities to work with wines that totally captivate the senses on all levels. The 2015 Genevieve's Block Chardonnay is such a wine, capturing the true soul of the vineyard. The Genevieve's Block is extremely enticing for its ability to be both bold and rich, with an electric palate that is mouthwatering and showing every indication of strong ageing potential.

Growing conditions in 2015 were highly favorable for this vineyard. Without late-season rain, the fruit achieved optimum flavor and freshness. Fermented in choice barrels that promote complex flavors, the nose is dominated by baking spices with beautiful salinity in the finish that goes and goes.

If you smelled this wine with eyes closed, you'd half expect to open them and see a glass of French Champagne and apricot preserves spread on toasted brioche. The 2015 has more energy than the 2014 Genevieve, with a body of chalky, stony, under-ripe yellow peach and texture at the helm. The structure and acidity provide a great backbone for the oak and fruit, which even each other out really well.

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

30%

Barrel Aging

11 months

Bottling Date

August 26, 2016

Composition

100% Chardonnay

Alcohol

14.1%

Production

169 cases

