

2014 Sonoma Coast
Genevieve's Block Chardonnay
96 Points Robert Parker

Another year at Devoto Vineyard has shown that, beyond being an exceptional site for Chardonnay, there is consistency to how these grapes mature – albeit at a snail's pace. With its proximity to the coast, the maritime influence is great for moderating extreme weather, allowing for ideal and temperate ripening.

The 2014 Genevieve's Block experienced a slight cooling during the final days of ripening, dampening the overall potential alcohol without sacrificing any of its distinct character. What continues to make this particular wine so compelling is its electric mouthfeel, full of verve and energy.

On the nose, 2014 Genevieve has the perfume of lifted white flower, diesel, and wet peat moss. Even after a decade it's still fresh in the mouth with good weight and mouth coating flavors of marmalade, almond skin, and lanolin. Across all of our older vintages of Genevieve's Block, this vintage takes the cake. Drink now through 2027 and pair with grilled scallops over light fettuccine.

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

Cellar Notes:

Percentage New Oak

38%

Composition

100% Chardonnay

Barrel Aging

10 months

Alcohol

13.9%

Bottling Date

August 22, 2015

Production

305 cases

