

2016 Sonoma Coast
Genevieve's Block Chardonnay
97 Points *Jeb Dunnuck*

The Genevieve's Block Chardonnay has one of the most distinctive noses 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. 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.

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 nose of the 2016 Genevieve is shy at first, but unfolds into freshly baked bread, red apple skins, and orange marmalade. It's fresh and lively in the mouth with green pineapple, kumquat, electric acidity, and impeccable weight balance. Enjoy now through 2027.

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

11 months

Alcohol

14.5%

Bottling Date

August 10, 2017

Production

198 cases

