

2019 Sonoma Coast Genevieve's Block Chardonnay 92 Points Antonio Galloni, Vinous

2019 is one of the best showings of Genevieve's Block Chardonnay, which is saying a lot for a wine that never disappoints and always surprises us with new complexities in its personality year after year. The 2019 vintage was similar to 2018. It started late due to a cold and rainy winter, and the growing season was long and moderate. Regionally, Sonoma Chardonnays excelled in 2019, and Genevieve's Block is proof.

The 2019 Genevieve's Block is golden, high, and lifted like a high-end Burgundian white wine. Parmesan cheese rind, wet river stone, and buttered croissant create a mouth-watering nose. The palate is impeccably balanced with fresh acidity. There is a thyme herbal component accompanied by notes of marmalade, white grape, and mint. This vintage has been a favorite of Winemaker David Milner's for years.

Drink now through 2032.

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
34%
Composition
100% Chardonnay
Barrel Aging
Alcohol

10 months 14.2%

Bottling Date Production
August 2020 160 cases

