

*2020 Sonoma Coast
Genevieve's Block Chardonnay
96 Points Jeb Dunnuck*

2020 was a challenging year even in the vineyard. It was an extremely hot and dry growing season, which is a harbinger for low crop yields and fruit with high concentration. The key to getting great wine under these not-so-great conditions is to align one's vineyard practices with Mother Nature, not against. The wines will be smaller production with great depth, and that's a fine situation to be in.

Albeit a very hard year, the 2020 Genevieve's Block Chardonnay came out on top with great texture and energy. Aromas of citronella, white flower, and candle wax create a bright and lifted bouquet. This wine is fresh and focused in the mouth with minerality and more acidity than the 2019 vintage. Juicy white currant and candied red apple stand out in the fruit flavor profile.

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 monopole.

Cellar Notes:

Percentage New Oak

41%

Composition

100% Chardonnay

Barrel Aging

11 months

Alcohol

14.4%

Bottling Date

August 2021

Production

121 cases

