

2021 Sonoma Coast Genevieve's Block Chardonnay 96 Points Decanter

The 2021 vintage was another drought year, with the drought beginning early, and a warm growing season. It was a relief after the far more tulmutuous year before. It was clear pretty early on that the general consensus around the 2021 wines was excitement and high expectations. That eagerness from Sonoma winemakers and producers was spot on. It was a great year for wine and a particularly stunning year for Chardonnay, which brings us to the 2021 Genevieve's Block.

Even though it's a young wine, the 2021 Genevieve is already showing wonderful structure, flawless balance, and an extremely nuanced flavor profile. It's shy and tight upon opening, but let it breathe for a while and the personality will begin unraveling into wet slate, green mango, juicy nectarine, honeycomb, and freshly baked and buttered brioche.

Enjoy this Chardonnay now through 2035.

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 37%	Composition 100% Chardonnay
Barrel Aging 18 months	Alcohol 14.7%
Bottling Date February 2023	Production 134 cases

