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2020 CHARDONNAY, CELLAR NOTE

APPELLATION

Sonoma Coast

VINIFICATION

11 months in barrel
31% new French oak

SCORE

93 points, Jeb Dunnuck

CLONES

69% Wente Selection
31% Martini Selection

ALCOHOL

13.5%

COOPERAGE

Sirugue, Tremeaux, Taransaud, Francois Freres

This vintage continues our exploration into unique Sonoma Coast vineyards. Built around the Wente clone from Flax Vineyard on Westside Road, the wine is dynamic and demonstrates our love for Chardonnay with its lithe, texture and freshness.

New to the cuvee, is a 20+ year old vineyard on Burnside Road, within the Sebastopol hills. Planted to the Martini clone, a favorite of winemaker Joe Nielsen, the vineyard is situated in a cool climate area that struggles to ripen in most vintages. The Martini clone itself is even more difficult to ripen with its larger clusters and naturally high acid.

The wine opens with notes of spring meadow, apple, and fennel—a hallmark characteristic from Flax Vineyard. The weight and concentration of the Flax Vineyard beautifully marries with the driving acid from the Burnside Road Vineyard. Clean and precise, this wine has the building blocks to be a terrific aging Chardonnay. Delicious today, the wine is young and will continue to evolve over the next decade.

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