

WAYPOINT

2020 Charles Heintz Chardonnay

The Charles Heintz vineyard on the Sonoma coast, now enjoying its 40 year anniversary, has long been known as a superlative producer of Chardonnay grapes. Although located in the Sonoma Coast AVA, it is more inland than some of its neighbors and at an elevation of 900 feet which makes it a warmer vineyard in a very cool winegrowing region. This unique combination creates a gracefully balanced wine that combines the richness and intensity of old vine fruit with the structure and acidity of great Sonoma Coast winegrowing.

Vintage: 2020
Harvest Dates: September 17th, 2020
Bottling Date: March 2022
Case Production: 190 Cases
Alcohol: 13.9%
Varietal: 100% Chardonnay
Clones: 4
AVA: Sonoma Coast
Fermentation: 100% Barrel Fermentation (27 days)
Ageing: 18 months in French Oak barrels (43% new oak)

This Chardonnay is delightfully mellow having enjoyed fermentation and 18 months in 43% new French oak barrels. The winemakers coaxed layers of lemon custard, honeysuckle and honeydew melon, on the nose followed by bits of graham cracker and baking spices. The mouthfeel is exuberant with bright acidity to add complexity to the ripe fruit, while drawing the wine to a supple and lingering finish.



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