



2021 Chardonnay Charles Heintz Vineyard, Sonoma Coast

Vineyard Details

Vineyard	Charles Heintz
Planted	1982
Elevation	780 Feet
Miles from Coast	7 miles
Clones	clone 4
Soil	Goldridge fine sandy loam
Harvest	September 18th

Winemaking Details

Barrel Aging	17 Months (once used French oak)
pH	3.42
Alcohol	12.8%
Bottling	February 22, 2023
Production	75 Cases
Drinking Window	2021 - 2031

Growing Notes

Since 1912, the Heintz family has owned and operated this beautiful site just east of the town of Occidental. The Charles Heintz Vineyard is a highly sought-after vineyard for premium wine producers for its quintessential expression of the Sonoma Coast. The coastal influence expressed by clone 4 at this vineyard gives the wine a great acid backbone with a rich palate and a touch of minerality.

In 2021, we started the year with great anticipation after the devastating 2020 vintage where we did not harvest anything. The season started off with a mild winter and some unusually warm days in January. Despite the sporadic warm weather, budbreak happened at a normal time in mid-March. We had a moderate spring and summer. The harvest started in early September and we were finished before the end of the month. The quality was fantastic and we think that it is one of the best vintages that we have had in the past several years.

Tasting Notes

This coastal Chardonnay opens up with aromas of lemon curd, lilac, and peach blossom with hints of vanilla and fresh rain. Fuji apple, Bosc pear, and white peach fill out the aroma. On the palate, orchard fruits play nicely with the subtle oak notes of sweet vanilla. The layered and mouthwatering finish continues to evolve as you taste.

