



2020 Chardonnay Sangiaco Vinyard - Sonoma Coast



THE VINEYARD

The core of our Sojourn Sangiaco Vinyard Chardonnay is from the same vineyard source as the highly-acclaimed Sojourn Sangiaco Vinyard Pinot noir wines. This wine features a combination of Clone 95 Chardonnay from Sangiaco Roberts Road Vinyard and Old Wente Clone from Sangiaco Vella Ranch. The Roberts Road block, planted in 1998, provides minerality and vibrancy. The Old Wente Clone selection is known to produce distinctively small clusters, low yields, and results in elegant, complex wines that round out this blend. These ranches are perfectly suited for growing Chardonnay, with cool climates and well-draining soils.

WINEMAKER NOTES

2020 was a challenging year across the globe as we managed through a pandemic full of unknowns and mandated lockdowns. In the Sonoma Coast the grape vines woke up early and demanded their normal attention anyway. Work in the vineyards proceeded with smaller crews that practiced social distancing and wore facial coverings. Summer wild fires threatened many vineyards and hard decisions were made not to pick several vineyard blocks. We kept our focus on producing the highest quality wine. 2020 Chardonnay grapes were immediately whole-cluster pressed off their skins once picked. Press fractions were managed carefully and the resulting wines impressed us, offering expressive fruit aromas and refreshing acidity with layers of rich texture. The individual Sangiaco vinyard components were harvested at night and fermented separately in 30% new French oak barrels.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

- 100% Chardonnay
- Pressed whole-cluster
- Fermented in French oak barrels
- 70% malolactic fermentation
- Native yeast
- 30% new French oak
- Bottled unfinned in September 2021

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.1%
- pH: 3.56
- TA: 6.3 g/L
- Release date: Spring 2022
- Retail price: \$45
- 450 cases produced
- AVA: Sonoma Coast

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ABOUT THE WINERY

Based in the town of Sonoma, Sojourn Cellars is a highly acclaimed winery specializing in the production of artisan Pinot noir, Chardonnay, and Cabernet Sauvignon wines.

We source fruit from celebrated vineyards in both Sonoma and Napa Counties, and we help direct farming operations to assure that our grapes are produced using world-class growing techniques. We have consistently produced high-quality wines with a hands-off natural winemaking style that showcases the character and personality of individual vineyards.

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