

2015

ORIGIN

Sonoma Coast Chardonnay

VINEYARD NOTES

The grapes for this Durell Vineyard Origin Chardonnay come from two areas in the Vineyard.

“Old Wente 5”: A block on a Northwestern-facing slope. The grapes on this slope are among the last to be picked and bask in the warm afternoon sunshine. The soil is light in color and texture. Grapes from this site give us wines with ripe flavor and lively acidity.

V9: This Vineyard block is one of the rockiest and windiest areas of Durell. The rocks absorb and radiate warmth to provide slow and even ripening. Grapes from this area give us wines with broad flavor and stony minerality.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2015 vintage proceeded with dry weather, extending our drought for its fourth year. Warm weather started the year, which caused early flowering mirroring the previous couple of growing seasons. In spring the climate changed dramatically, heavy winds and cool spells hit the valley. The effects of this weather pattern caused fruit set to be extremely variable and by July we were ready for harvest. We picked earlier than ever and received our grapes into the cellar by August. Overall, the effect of our early budbreak and resulting weather was that our yields were down 25%. While this isn't great for the amount of wine we can produce, what was left for us turned out to be fantastic. Small, concentrated berries allowed us to create richly flavored and textured wines. Like many things in life, the 2015 vintage demonstrated the beauty of the adage “less is more”.



THREE STICKS



APPELLATION:	MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION:	ALCOHOL CONTENT:
Sonoma Coast, Durell Vineyard	Inhibited	14.4%
VARIETAL CONTENT:	BARREL AGING:	PRODUCTION:
100% Chardonnay	11 Months in Stainless Steel	398 Cases
CLONES:	BARREL COMPOSITION:	RELEASE DATE:
Wente and Hyde	50% Concrete Egg, 50% Stainless Steel	February 7, 2017
SOIL:	TOTAL ACIDITY (TA):	
Gravelly and Cobbly Clay Loam	6.2 g/L	
FERMENTATION:	PH:	
Concrete Eggs	3.58	

We believe in stewardship of the land, the vineyards, and the people. We are for real connections, real history, real wines; experiences you will never forget. We welcome you to our home, the Adobe, for an historic tasting in Sonoma.