

2016

GAP'S CROWN VINEYARD
Sonoma Coast Chardonnay

VINEYARD NOTES

Gap's Crown Vineyard is located on the western slope of Sonoma Mountain at an elevation of 300' to 800'. The well-drained soil is predominately loam and clay loam. Gap's Crown is situated in the country's newest American Viticultural Areas - the Petaluma Gap AVA in Sonoma County. This area enjoys the cooling effects of both wind and fog plus a spectacularly sweeping western exposure. Gap's Crown has become one of the most iconic vineyards in the Sonoma Coast, consistently producing Pinot Noir and Chardonnays of distinction.

We have two Dijon clones of Chardonnay - 76 and 124. These clones are earlier ripening and are known for their ability to produce rich yet mineral-driven wines and can thrive in the cooler climate out at Gap's Crown.

VINTAGE NOTES

2016 was a relatively smooth year that unfolded at a steady pace and with mild temperatures. While we didn't have many exceptionally hot days, it was one of the earlier harvests on our record. Flowering and fruit set beautifully and yields were above normal, which was a nice change from previous years. We harvested our first grapes in mid-August, and had picked about 25% of our Pinot Noir and then a sudden cool spell arrived. This allowed cooler climate vineyards that had yet to be harvested to remain on the vine longer and develop deep and expressive flavors. The berries were smaller and heartier than normal which resulted in great depth of color and structure. We are extremely excited by the 2016's - they are something special! Pretty, expressive, and pleasurable.



THREE STICKS



APPELLATION:	MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION:	ALCOHOL CONTENT:
Sonoma Coast	100%	14.5%
VARIETAL CONTENT:	BARREL AGING:	PRODUCTION:
100% Chardonnay	11 Months	315 Cases
FERMENTATION:	BARREL COMPOSITION:	RELEASE DATE:
100% French Oak	100% French Oak, 26% New	February 6, 2018
FERMENTATION LENGTH:	TOTAL ACIDITY (TA):	
20 Days	6.5 g/L	
	PH:	
	3.37	

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.