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2023 Chardonnay Charles Heintz Vineyard, Sonoma Coast

Vineyard Details

Vineyard	Charles Heintz
Planted	1982
Elevation	780 Feet
Miles from Coast	7 miles
Clone	Clone 4
Soil	Goldridge fine sandy loam
Harvest	October 16 th

Winemaking Details

Barrel Aging	17 Months - Once Used French Oak
pH	3.44
Alcohol	12.9%
Bottling	February 26, 2025
Production	50 Cases
Drinking Window	2025 - 2040

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 2023, we had a lot of rainfall and most of California came out of a long drought. There was plenty of snowpack in the mountains. We had a very cool spring with only a few warm spells in April and May. We also had some late rains in May and June. The weather during flowering was foggy and cool. The harvest came late with ample hang time on the vines, which gave us wines with great complexity and development. The yields were average and balanced. Overall, we are looking forward to showcasing this outstanding and noteworthy vintage.

Tasting Notes

Apricot, lemon curd, and key lime zest greet the nose with a touch of minerality. On the palate, Asian pear, candied yuzu, and sea spray intertwine making for an elegant Chardonnay. Vibrant acidity leads to a subtle smooth finish with hints of vanilla and baking spices leaving you wanting more.

