

2019 Tidal Break Russian River Valley Chardonnay

AROMA

brie rind, lilac, underripe pear

FLAVOR

golden apple, seashell, cilantro

FOOD PAIRINGS

crab Louie, scallop crudo, lemon thyme risotto

VINIFICATION

1.82 tons hand-harvested on Sept. 13. Clones 4 and 76 fermented separerately on wild yeasts in neutral oak barriques and puncheon, completing a slow malolactic fermentation. Aged in barrel for 10 months, before racking to steel for six more months of anaerobic aging.

SITE

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NOTES

This far coast vineyard sits in the lee of a forbidden Buddhist monastery, just to the North of the Hirsch Vineyard. It is a series of undulating slopes full of luminescent blue volcanic rock, mixed with shale and sandstone. This area is seismic and still very much on the move. The North American plate is colliding with the San Andreas Fault creating an uplift soil that is unique in all the world, and well suited for viticulture. The precipitous slopes require a big labor crew who render all the Certified Sustainable farming work by-hand. The wine was a hell child in the cellar—reductive, stuck ferment (!), restarted, slow to complete malo—but once bottled has bloomed into one of our favorite chardonnays we have ever produced. Razor sharp with 3.1 pH is reminds us...dare I say...like the wines we drink from Chablis. Going to be fun to track this one in the cellar.

DETAILS

Vineyard: Tidal Break Appellation: Sonoma Coast

County: Sonoma Winemaker: Drew Huffine Production: 120 cases

Anticipated maturity: 2023-2028

pH: 3.10 Brix: 22.0°

Total acidity: 7.7 g/l Residual sugar: 0.1 g/l Alcohol: 13.4% Yield: 4 T/acre

Clones: 4 & 76

Harvest dates: 9/13/2019 Bottling date: 1/27/2021



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