



WAYFARER

2020 CHARDONNAY WAYFARER VINEYARD

TASTING NOTES | The 2020 Estate Chardonnay has copious energy. Notes of lemon tart, honeysuckle, tangerine and pear emerge from the glass. Over time, elements of orange blossom, white peach, chamomile and a touch of flintiness evolve. The wine enters the palate with a rush of freshness reminiscent of the Northern California coast. An abundance of lively acidity complements the rich, deep texture, and the finish is marked by persistent, refreshing minerality.

VINTAGE NOTES | With overall rainfall only 28 inches compared to Wayfarer Vineyard's 65-inch annual average, 2020 is considered a drought year. However, 3 inches of rain came in April, and another 3 inches in May. These late rains filled the soil profile and gave the vines plenty of energy through spring, allowing budbreak and bloom to occur within their typical timeframes. The summer was warmer than average, with temperatures reaching the mid-80s most days. The vines loved the warm weather and kept to their normal schedule, with veraison occurring at the end of July. August continued with warmer than average weather, however the temperature rose above 90 degrees only once at the Vineyard. The vines continued to thrive until harvest, which began on August 26th and wrapped up on September 19th.

WINEMAKING NOTES | Each block was hand-picked and firm, cool clusters were delivered to the winery before sunrise. After gentle pressing, the juice settled for 24 hours before careful racking to French oak barrels, 58% new. Native yeasts slowly guided alcoholic fermentation, with careful batonnage until malolactic fermentation was complete. The wine aged in barrel for 15 months and was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

ACCLAIM | "The 2020 Chardonnay Wayfarer Vineyard has pretty scents of baked apples, beeswax, roasted almonds and toast. The medium-bodied palate has a satiny texture and layered, savory flavors balanced by refreshing acidity, and it finishes long and flavorful." 96 Points, Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate

ORIGIN	Wayfarer Vineyard, Fort Ross-Seaview AVA
BLOCKS	2, 4, 6, 12, 17, 26b, 27, 28, 29
CLONES	Berlenbach Old Wente, Dijon 95, Hyde, Mount Eden
WINEMAKER	Todd Kohn
PRUNING	Double guyot
VINE YIELD	3.16 pounds
HARVESTED	August 26 - September 16, 2020
BOTTLED	December 15th, 2021
ALCOHOL	14.3%
pH	3.32
TA	6.6 g/L
PRODUCTION	1,050 cases