



# WAYFARER

## 2017 CHARDONNAY WAYFARER VINEYARD

### TASTING NOTES

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This pale yellow Chardonnay offers delightful floral aromas of honeysuckle, daphne, and orange blossom, with hints of pastry and Jordan almonds. The palate exhibits hints of citrus and stone fruit, orange marmalade, and touches of toasted almond and caramel. Crisp acidity balances the fruit of this complex, focused wine over a bright finish. Enjoy this wine in its youth or over the next 10 to 15 years while it continues to develop in the bottle.

### VINTAGE NOTES

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2017 saw the largest accumulated rainfall in recent history at Wayfarer; 86 inches in total. Much of that rainfall occurred in January and February, while the vines were dormant. Wayfarer enjoyed moderate temperatures and clear skies through spring allowing for steady growth in the vines and a consistent bloom. June encountered one of the warmer stretches on record for the month. After a very wet winter, it proved to be a wonderful balance for the vines helping to dry the wet soils and reduce the potential for substantial vigor. Harvest commenced in early September, as the temperatures became cooler, allowing the vines to gradually ripen. Not wanting to rush the vines, we patiently waited and wrapped up harvest in early October.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

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We handpicked the fruit from each vine and delivered the cool clusters to the winery before sunrise. After gentle pressing, the wine settled for 24 hours, followed by a carefully monitored racking to barrel. We transferred to 79% new French oak from cooperages including Damy, François Frères, and Remond. Native yeasts slowly guided alcoholic fermentation, with careful bâtonnage until malolactic fermentation completion. The wine was aged in barrel for 15 months, upon which it was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

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“It’s a riveting Chardonnay that offers notes of caramelized citrus, honeysuckle, toasted brioche, and scorched earth. Rich, medium to full-bodied, with bright acidity, this beautiful, layered, elegant wine builds with time in the glass. Elegance and purity are the buzzwords, but it has depth and length.” 97 Points. Jeb Dunnuck, [JebDennuck.com](http://JebDennuck.com).

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ORIGIN	Wayfarer Vineyard, Fort Ross-Seaview, Sonoma Coast
BLOCKS	2, 6, 12, 17, 26b, 27, 28, 29
CLONES	Berlenbach Old Wente, Hyde Old Wente, Mount Eden, Dijon 95
WINEMAKER	Vinted by Bibiana González Rave, blended by Todd Kohn
PRUNING	Double guyot
VINE YIELD	3 pounds per vine
HARVESTED	September 6 - 20, 2017
BOTTLED	December 10, 2018
ALCOHOL	14.3%
pH	3.22
PRODUCTION	725 cases

