

# WAYFARER

## 2024 WF2 CHARDONNAY

ORIGIN	Wayfarer Vineyard, Fort Ross-Seaview AVA, Sonoma Coast
HARVESTED	September 5 - 26, 2024
BOTTLED	July 31, 2025
ALCOHOL	14.3%
pH	3.45
T.A.	5.6 g/L
PRODUCTION	490 cases
WINEMAKER	Todd Kohn

**TASTING NOTES** | Lively aromatics of lemon peel, yellow apple skin, kumquat and sea air flow from the glass. The entry is sunny and bright, with a distinctive polished stone texture. Pleasantly unctuous on the palate, creamy notes of vanilla mingle with fresh salinity into a lingering finish.

**WINEMAKING NOTES** | The grapes were hand-picked in the cool night hours, then hand-sorted at the winery. The fruit was gently whole-cluster pressed and barrel fermented with native yeast, employing limited battonage during malolactic fermentation. The wine aged sur lie for 10 months in 5% new French oak barrels.

**VINTAGE NOTES** | The 2024 Wayfarer wines are the product of an even, warm vintage that brought all components into perfect balance, yielding sophisticated wines of great complexity, texture and depth. Rainfall was moderate throughout the cool winter months and into early spring, replenishing the vines without saturating the soil. Bloom occurred on schedule in late May, and warm weather continued throughout June and July, leading to even veraison during the first week of August. Harvest was also right on schedule, lasting from September 5th to the 30th. Significantly, while peak temperatures throughout the growing season were above average, nighttime temperatures dipped lower than usual – the greatest diurnal temperature shift on record at Wayfarer. This pronounced daily temperature swing developed intense flavors, bringing great character and structure to the wines, while maintaining a vibrant core of acidity. Furthermore, 2024 brought more coastal wind than usual, which thickened the grape skins and focused the vines' energy on berry development, furthering the profound nuance, texture, and density of the wines. Open and generous now, the 2024s will age gracefully over the next ten years.

**ABOUT WAYFARER WF2** | WF2 wines possess a true sense of place, outstanding quality, and exceptional value. Grown and made with the same care and attention we bring to farming and vinifying Wayfarer wines, they are a barrel-by-barrel deselection.