

2017 DUMOL ESTATE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

One of our greatest ever Chardonnay bottlings.



IMPRESSIONS

This level of quality is fleeting and very hard to execute in both the vineyard and winery. It can only be found under the right vintage conditions and with a level of winegrowing sensitivity that strikes an equilibrium between nature and craftsmanship. Bold words, I know, but the proof's in this bottle.

At fourteen years old, these vines have reached full maturity; they're in their prime window of quality production. They have achieved a natural balance between root depth, canopy growth and crop yield—the essentials of pristine grapes. In this bottling, we see as pure a reflection of these upland, highly erodible sandstone soils as I can imagine—a blend of delicacy, power, savory complexity and nervy acidity.

The wine opens with spearmint, melon, lime and flint notes. It's tangy, dynamic and ever-changing, the palate uncompromisingly dry, mineral and chiseled—refined and totally captivating. The wine turns dense and full in the center as it uncoils, revealing oiliness and great viscosity. A firmness to the back end is driven by high natural acidity, strong savory elements and lime zest freshness.

This is a wine to age for two to three years before opening. It will be worth the wait. These lean soils—perfect for our old chardonnay vine selections (no simple monochromatic clones!)—produce a wine of structure, underlying power and taut density. The wine is tactile with a high level of intricacy. Changing each time you return to the glass, it is the definition of power and tension.

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VINEYARD & WINEMAKING DETAILS

APPELLATION	SONOMA COAST
VINEYARDS	KEARNEY ESTATE & O'CONNELL ESTATE VINEYARDS
CLONES	MOUNT EDEN & HYDE-WENTE
VINE AGE	13 YEARS
HARVEST DATES	HAND HARVESTED AUGUST 29 TH AND SEPTEMBER 2 ND
BARREL AGING	AGED 12 MONTHS IN 33% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS FROM TONNELLERIE ACF FOLLOWED BY SIX MONTHS SETTLING IN TANK.
PRODUCTION	724 CASES OF 750ML, 16 CASES OF 1.5L & 16 BOTTLES OF 3L