

Ernest Vineyards

Joyce Vineyard / Chardonnay 2019

Sonoma Coast

THE VINEYARD: On the ridge just above Freestone Valley, linked together in chilly fog, sits Joyce Vineyard. Ernest leased and began farming the site organically in 2017. At only 3-acres and planted entirely to Chardonnay, it the smallest property we farm and one of the very coldest. Goldridge soil predominates and Clone 5 of Chardonnay will perennially deliver citrus flavors and bright acidity in this environment.

WINEMAKING: A very small crop as we are rehabilitating this epic little vineyard of Clone 5 Chardonnay that we are farming organically. Small yields with some shatter lead to a powerful wine. Fermented in 228L French oak for primary and then moved to 500L puncheon for elevage over 18 months. Bottled unfinned and unfiltered. - Joseph Ryan

TASTING NOTES: Bright and clear, pale white-gold in color. Subtle aromas of flowers, sour apples, celery root and Asian pears, laced with intense mineral aromas and the hint of sea. Energetic, vibrant acidity yet finessed and elegant on the palate with the complexity of fresh tangerines and Meyer lemons, and nuanced salinity.

ALC. BY VOL: 12.1%

AGING: 30% NEW FRENCH OAK

LENGTH: 11 MONTHS

WINEMAKER: JOSEPH RYAN

CASES PRODUCED: 75

CLONES: 5

HARVEST DATE: 9.9.2019

HARVEST BRIX: 20.5

