

GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2023 Durell Vineyard Chardonnay Sonoma Valley

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE NOTES

Originally planted in 1979 by Ed Durell, this famous vineyard is in the southwestern foothills of the Sonoma Valley, north of the San Pablo Bay and east of the Petaluma Wind Gap. The site is moderated by the Bay and Pacific Ocean effects, making it ideal for cool-climate Chardonnay. Our block of Chardonnay is planted to an Old Wente selection, and the rocky, volcanic soils at Durell Vineyard create a challenging environment for the vines' root system, yielding very small grape clusters that have tremendous concentration and power. 2023 was a very long, cool growing season, resulting in our latest start and finish to harvest on record. The extended hang time at lower temperatures provided gorgeous fruit with stunning flavors, structure, and complexity for another vintage of beautiful wines.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The grapes were hand-harvested, then carefully sorted and whole-cluster pressed using a gentle press program. After pressing, the juice was allowed to cold-settle overnight before inoculating with Montrachet yeast, then transferring to 33% new oak and 30% of the volume into one to three-year-old neutral 500-L French Oak Puncheons for fermentation and aging. After 10 months of aging, each barrel was carefully evaluated, and the most elegantly structured wines were selected for this beautiful single vineyard wine.

TASTING NOTES

A fresh, layered expression, offering aromas of lemon curd, tart green apple, and pear suggestive of a crisp morning walk through an orchard. On the palate, citrus pith and subtle stone fruit are carried by a gently oily texture, making this a wine best enjoyed slowly – either alone or paired with light meal. Bright, mineral lift keeps the profile focused and refined, guiding the wine through a lingering finish that balances freshness with quiet depth.



APPELLATION
Sonoma Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Chardonnay

FERMENTATION & AGING
10 months, 33% new
French oak

ALCOHOL
14.1%

PH / T.A.
3.38 / 6.50 gm/L

PRODUCTION
349 cases

BOTTLING DATE
July 2024

RETAIL PRICE
\$80.00



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