

*2015 Sonoma Coast
Genevieve's Block Chardonnay
98 Points Jeb Dunnuck*

We get most excited about the vineyards that produce the most engaging wines – that combine spice and fruit or intense freshness with indulgent richness. In other words, we love balance but also nuance, and revel in opportunities to work with wines that totally captivate the senses on all levels. The 2015 Genevieve's Block Chardonnay is such a wine, capturing the true soul of the vineyard. The Genevieve's Block is extremely enticing for its ability to be both bold and rich, with an electric palate that is mouthwatering and showing every indication of strong ageing potential.

Growing conditions in 2015 were highly favorable for this vineyard. Without late-season rain, the fruit achieved optimum flavor and freshness. Fermented in choice barrels that promote complex flavors, the nose is dominated by baking spices with beautiful salinity in the finish that goes and goes.

The 2015 Genevieve's Block has tons of personality. Honeycomb, Graham cracker, almond, yellow fruit, and matchstick reduction jump from the glass. A second wave of lime zest, sea salt, and freshly baked brioche bread adds citrus and salinity. This wine is exactly where it should be after all these years and is ready to be thoroughly enjoyed through 2026.

Vineyard Notes:

Location

This block of Devoto Vineyard is on a west-facing hillside above the town of Sebastopol. The Chardonnay ripens slowly under the full weight of the Pacific Coast influence and produces a remarkably elaborate and elegant wine. The 900-some-odd vines that provide the fruit for this wine are a Donelan monopole.

Cellar Notes:

Percentage New Oak

30%

Composition

100% Chardonnay

Barrel Aging

11 months

Alcohol

14.1%

Bottling Date

August 26, 2016

Production

169 cases

