

SENSES CHARDONNAY CHARLES HEINTZ 2017



VINTAGE

In 2017, vines leapt into action with replenished water tables after years of drought. Early vegetative growth was strong, but not excessive, and crop yields were moderate. Warmer summer temperatures ended up compressing harvest for most. The coast was relatively protected from strong heat waves and delivered typical acid-driven fruit with great phenolic ripeness.

VINEYARD

The Heintz family has owned the ranch for over 100 years. Ideal Goldridge soil, healthy, mature vines, warm days balanced with cool nights and a grower who has been working the land since 1982 all contribute to Robert Parker's assessment of the vineyard as "...one of the great grand cru Chardonnay sites in California."

WINE

"The 2017 Chardonnay Charles Heintz Vineyard gives up lime leaf and faint pineapple with quince, white peach, apricot and crushed stone notes. Light to medium-bodied, the palate offers wonderful layers of ripe stone and tropical fruits, opening to notes of honeycomb, with tangy, lively acidity energizing the very long, mineral finish."

- Erin Brooks, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate: 95 points

APPELLATION: SONOMA COAST

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

RELEASE PRICE: \$75

VARIETAL: 100% CHARDONNAY

AGING: 100% FRENCH OAK; 30% NEW; 14 MTHS

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