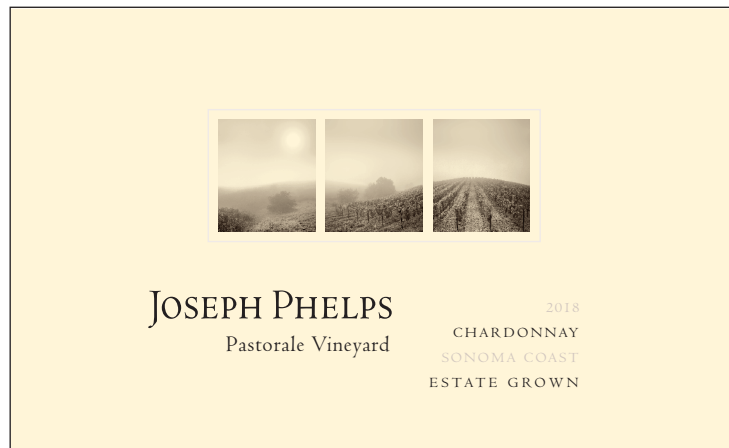


JOSEPH PHELPS



Joseph Phelps Chardonnay, Pastorale Vineyard, Sonoma Coast 2018

Winemaking Data

Blend: 100% estate-grown Chardonnay from our Pastorale Vineyard.

Aging: 13 months in 55% new and 45% once used French oak puncheons.

Winemaking Notes: A blend of three Chardonnay blocks from our Pastorale Vineyard with a focus on heritage clone Montrachet, Maro, clone 76, Old Calera, New Calera, Old Wente and Mt. Eden. Grapes were whole cluster pressed cold and barrel fermented slowly over several months, followed by malolactic fermentation. The barrels were stirred as needed, resulting in a focused, nuanced wine with silky texture.

The 2018 vintage envelopes the senses with fragrant lemon zest, young jasmine and toasted brioche. Bright and flinty with a viscous texture and racy acidity accompanied by fresh lemon oil, green apple and earthy mineral character.

Growing Season: The 2018 Sonoma Coast growing season was marked by cool, mild weather. The cooler than normal spring delayed budbreak, bloom and veraison by two weeks compared to the previous five years. The mild weather patterns in August and September allowed for excellent overall phenological ripening and development of a complex aroma and flavor profile in the finished wines.