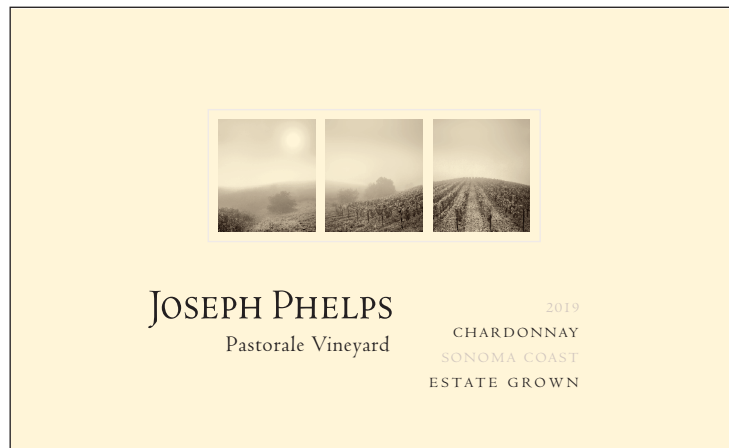


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Joseph Phelps Chardonnay, Pastorale Vineyard, Sonoma Coast 2019

Winemaking Data

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

Aging: 14 months in 50% new and 50% used French oak puncheons.

Winemaking Notes: A blend of two Chardonnay blocks from our Pastorale Vineyard that feature Old and New Calera, Maro, clone 76, Mt. Eden, Montrachet and Old Wente. The fruit was whole cluster pressed and barrel fermented slowly over several month, followed by malolactic fermentation. The barrels were minimally stirred, resulting in a wine of precision and lush, silky texture.

The 2019 Chardonnay is refined and nuanced with fragrant aromatics of Key Lime, white flower, jasmine, and toasted brioche. A wine of great distinction displaying delicate structure and subtle oak influence, with a long and layered palate of citrus zest, green apple and a saline note reminiscent of the nearby Pacific Ocean.

Growing Season: The 2019 growing season was marked by heavy February rains, saturating the Sonoma Coast soils. Spring continued a wet cycle with rain during flowering and mild, cool temperatures into the early summer months. Grapes experienced an extended ripening season with harvest starting one to two weeks later than usual in most blocks. The long, cool 2019 growing season allowed the fruit to develop full flavor profiles with naturally fresh acidity and superb balance.