



Wine Profile
Moone-Tsai 2017 Sonoma Coast Chardonnay

Tasting Notes

With a delicate nose of white flowers, citrus, and hints of green apple, our Sonoma Coast Chardonnay invites eager inspection. On the palate, the wine beckons with a soft-spoken salutation of white peach laced with tropical fruit, citrus, lightly toasted brioche, and wet stone. Barrel-fermented, and aged 16-months in 37% new French oak, this evocative offering summons fond memories of early summer nights when the sun is low in the evening sky, and the horizon begins to diffuse into the gentle iridescent hues of twilight. Light on its feet on the attack, with a pleasing minerality and freshness through to the finish, the wine reveals a balance of vitality, calmness, and grace reminiscent of the doe-like athleticism and demeanor of the ever-lovely Venus Williams, the “other” Williams-sister of the famed tennis-duo, who in her own manner and style, managed to amass over twenty Grand Slam titles over an illustrious Hall of Fame career.

The Charles Heintz Vineyard is located in Occidental, near the rocky Sonoma County coastline. The 30-year-old Chardonnay vines are planted on deep, desirable Gold Ridge Sandy Loam top-soils – to which many attribute the unique varietal expression shown by Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grown in the Sonoma Coast and Russian River appellations. The nearby Pacific brings deep and cooling fog over the vineyard nightly during the growing season, encouraging patient ripening and the development of delicate flavors.

Winemaker: Philippe Melka, Bordeaux-bred (*Chateau Haut Brion, Petrus*) and— recently heralded by Robert Parker as one of the top nine winemakers in the world. “*Where possible, I will minimize winemaking techniques in the cellar so I can create a wine that tells the story of the vineyard. In the end, it must be about the fruit.*”

Wine Facts

Varietal Composition:	100% Chardonnay
Vineyards:	Charles Heintz Vineyard, Sonoma Coast
Production:	227 cases
Harvest Date:	September 26, 2017
Cooperage:	37% new French oak: Francois Freres, Rousseau, Damy
Bottle Date:	January 29, 2019
Release Date:	April 2, 2019

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