



LA FOLLETTE WINES

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WITH SINGULAR VINEYARDS

2016

CHARDONNAY

Sangiaco Green Acres Vineyard

Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County

THE VINEYARD

Green Acres, planted in 1969, was the first vineyard the Sangiacomos developed and it launched the family's prestigious winegrowing reputation. Located in the southeast corner of the Sonoma Coast AVA, the cooler climate preserves the natural character of the grape, and remains in balance with the fruit's flavor intensity. This single-vineyard Chardonnay juxtaposes the Old Wente clone, prized for its concentrated flavors and varietal aromas, against the Catarina clone that displays both freshness and a distinctive mineral signature.

THE VINTAGE

In 2016, the mature vines at Green Acres began their growth after the risk of frost had past. During a mild summer, the fruit ripened in a manicured canopy of dappled sunlight. The Old Wente clone had particularly small clusters and low yield in this vintage, a stamp of the previous drought year and some wind during the bloom. The Catarina clone, harvested nine days later, struggled to ripen in the cooler mid-September weather and brought a structural intensity to the finished wine.

THE WINE

Striking aromas of lemon rind, wet stone and pastry. A smooth, rolling entry leads to mouthwatering acidity and vibrant flavors of citrus and verbena. Transitioning to a mineral expression and structured mouthfeel, the wine finishes with an emerging tension and freshness. Alternately angular and polished, this is a truly dynamic Chardonnay.

WINEMAKING

Harvest Dates: September 7 & 16, 2016

100% Chardonnay | Old Wente, Catarina field selection

Fermentation: whole cluster pressed, fermented in barrel, native primary and secondary fermentations, 20% new oak, full malolactic conversion

Alc. 13.6%

