



# HUNNICUTT

## 2016 CHARDONNAY SONOMA COAST

<i>Release Date</i>	April, 2018
<i>Production</i>	6 Barrels
<i>Appellation</i>	Sonoma Coast AVA – Mill Station
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	100% Chardonnay
<i>Winemaking Team</i>	Seana and Justin Hunnicutt Stephens, Proprietors Kirk P. Venge, Winemaker
<i>Cooperage</i>	Aged for 16 months in 100% French oak, 25% new
<i>Tasting Notes</i>	<p>We began making Chardonnay with the 2008 vintage and every year I find it to be an extremely rewarding wine to produce. Chardonnay is an easy grape to manipulate, however if the goal is to preserve the unique characteristics of the vintage and vineyard, there is little room for error. Chardonnay wears its heart on its sleeve, so when the bottling is done and we know we have a winner, it feels great.</p> <p>The 2016 vintage along the Sonoma Coast was very similar to 2015 but without the extreme heat and dry conditions that limited production the previous year. It was still an early ripening and relatively dry season, however cooler weather in early September gave the Chardonnay ample time to ripen on the vine and develop layers of complexity.</p> <p>Looking at this wine in your glass, its deep golden hue and overall vibrancy speak volumes and accurately prepare your palate. On the nose, rich hints of lychee, honeysuckle, orange blossom and meyer lemon are framed by subtle French oak driven vanilla and caramel aromatics. Once tasted, immediate flavors of lemon curd, orange zest and passion fruit rise up and are met by the bright acidity which lingers alongside the fruit to provide balance and create a pleasant mouthwatering effect. The finish is full and engaging, continuing with almost piña colada like hints of coconut, pineapple and brioche.</p> <p>Enjoy readily in its youth, chilled or at cellar temperature for full expression. For those who enjoy mature white wines, age confidently for 5+ years.</p>
<i>Other Hunnicutt Wines</i>	HUNNICUTT 2015 Fearless Red HUNNICUTT 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford AVA, <i>Brinkman Block</i>