



2018 CHARDONNAY SONOMA COAST

<i>Release Date</i>	April, 2020
<i>Production</i>	8 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 our Chardonnay with the 2008 vintage and every year find it to be an extremely rewarding wine to produce. Chardonnay can be 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 or overconfidence. Chardonnay wears its heart on its sleeve, every choice and action matters, so when the bottling is done and we're able to savor the finished product, it is pure joy.</p> <p>Our Chardonnay is sourced from the Mill Station Vineyard located in Green Valley which straddles both the Sonoma Coast and Russian River AVAs. In many ways this is the perfect location for our preferred style of Chardonnay as it is noticeably cooler than the Russian River Valley, allowing for the preservation of high natural acidity while also being a touch warmer and sunnier than the true Sonoma Coast which allows the fruit to develop richer denser flavor. This vineyard is farmed by the Dutton's who as a family have been working this land since the 1880's.</p> <p>2018 was a near perfect vintage, especially for Chardonnay as average daytime temperatures were slightly cooler than previous years. With this as a backdrop, we were free to make picking decisions based only on vineyard conditions without adverse weather forcing our hand. The resultant wine exhibits polished citrus and tropical fruit notes which pair beautifully with the floral mid-palate, delicate acidity and finely textured oak notes.</p> <p>Enjoy readily in its youth, slightly 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 2017 Fearless Red HUNNICUTT 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford AVA, <i>Brinkman Block</i>
