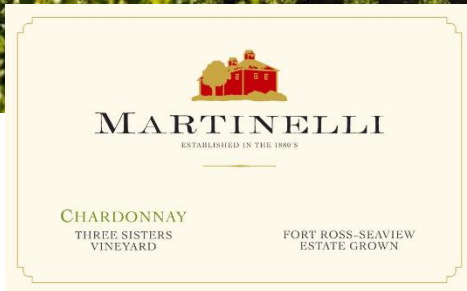




CHARDONNAY
THREE SISTERS VINEYARD • FORT ROSS- SEAVIEW
2021



GROWING YEAR

2021 was the driest known year on record and was also the third year of drought conditions for Sonoma County. Contrary to these conditions, the summer was relatively cool and started two weeks later than the previous year. The drought conditions did bring ripeness to each of our varietals at just about the same time. By the end of the first week, we had 40% of the total tonnage in the winery. This included Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Zinfandel from both Fort Ross-Seaview and Russian River Valley. Despite being a very compact harvest, small clusters and berry size have yielded exceptional quality which makes 2021 a standout vintage.

VINEYARD CHARACTER

The Three Sisters Vineyard consists of two small vineyard sites: the Meadow, and Lambing Barn Ridge, as this land was originally homesteaded in the 1860s for raising sheep by Carolyn Martinelli's ancestors. These pasture lands were then planted with grapevines in the 1990s. This grape-studded view lies upon the second ridge inland from the coastline at Fort Ross. Here above the fog line the skies are clear and pristine, yet in the winter the rain falls harder and denser than anywhere else in Sonoma County. Both sites are planted with clones 95, 96, and 76 and the soil is a mix of Josephine and Gold Ridge soil.

TASTING NOTES

Burgundian aromas of pear, golden apple, and soft brioche are present in the nose. With surprisingly pleasant weight found on the palate, the balanced acidity and flavors of lemon custard lead to a complex and delicious wet stone finish.

2021 VINTAGE

94 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous

2020 VINTAGE

93 points – Audrey Frick, Jeb Dunnuck

93 points – Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate

WINEMAKING DETAILS

Fermentation: 100% French Oak; 100% Malolactic; on the lees with daily battonage

Oak: 50% new French Oak, 50% neutral French Oak, 10 months

Case Production: 178

VINEYARD DETAILS

Soil Type: Gold Ridge & Josephine

Rootstock: 101-14, 3309

Clones: 95, 96, 75

WINEMAKER

Courtney Robinett Wagoner