



HARTFORD
COURT

STONE CÔTE VINEYARD

SONOMA COAST • CHARDONNAY

2018

VINEYARD CHARACTER

The Stone Côte Vineyard is a small block within the renowned Durrell Vineyard, which sits upon an ancient riverbed at the southern end of the Sonoma Coast AVA. The vineyard's topography was shaped eons ago by a river flowing through volcanic and sedimentary rock on its way to the San Pablo Bay. Tumbled and water-worn river rocks now litter the landscape and very little topsoil remains. The nutritionally challenged soils force the vines to search deeply for nutrients and water and as a result, the stressed vines yield very small clusters with intense varietal flavors.

Climatically, this vineyard site is characterized by relatively cool daytime temperatures and maritime breezes, which marry with the low-fertility soils to create an ideal site for growing Chardonnay. The wine's flinty aromas and mineral-laden finish are a reflection of Durrell's intrinsic terroir.

TASTING NOTES

This single-vineyard bottling from one of our most well-known estate vineyards offers aromas of white peach, spiced pears, orange blossom, hazelnuts and crushed rocks. Stone fruit, nectarine and tangelo flavors are counter balanced with a flinty, textural finish.

WINE STATISTICS

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| Oak: | 100% French oak, 32% new |
| Time in oak: | 15 months |
| Yeast: | Native |
| Alcohol: | 14.6% |
| TA: | 5.0 g/L |
| pH: | 3.44 |
| Cases produced: | 350 |
| Unfined and unfiltered | |

HISTORICAL ACCLAIM

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| 2017 | 98 points | J.D., <i>JebDunnuck.com</i> , May 2020 |
| 2017 | 97 points | V.B., <i>Wine Enthusiast</i> , October 2020 |
| 2017 | 93 points | A.G., <i>Vinous</i> , April 2020 |
| 2017 | 93 points | L.P.-B., <i>Robert Parker Wine Advocate</i> , February 2020 |
| 2016 | 95 points | L.P.-B., <i>Robert Parker Wine Advocate</i> , October 2018 |
| 2015 | 96+ points | J.D., <i>JebDunnuck.com</i> , June 2018 |
| 2015 | 96+ points | L.P.-B., <i>Robert Parker Wine Advocate</i> , December 2017 |
| 2015 | 90-92 points | A.G., <i>Vinous</i> , March 2017 |
| 2014 | 95-97 points | R.M.P. Jr., <i>Robert Parker Wine Advocate</i> , October 2015 |
| 2013 | 95 points | R.M.P. Jr., <i>Robert Parker Wine Advocate</i> , December 2014 |
| 2013 | 92-94 points | A.G., <i>Vinous</i> , January 2015 |
| 2012 | 93-95 points | R.M.P. Jr., <i>Robert Parker Wine Advocate</i> , December 2013 |
| 2012 | 90 points | S.T., <i>International Wine Cellar</i> , May 2014 |
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| 2011 | 90-92 points | A.G., <i>Robert Parker Wine Advocate</i> , April 2013 |
| 2010 | 92 points | S.T., <i>International Wine Cellar</i> , May 2012 |
| 2009 | 90 points | J.L., <i>The Wine Spectator</i> , July 2012 |
| 2009 | 92-94 points | R.M.P. Jr., <i>Robert Parker Wine Advocate</i> , February 2011 |
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