

# Bella Vigna Chardonnay | Sonoma Coast 2016

#### TASTING NOTES

Our 2016 Bella Vigna Chardonnay has notes of lemon, hazelnut, and golden apple on the nose. A bright lemon zest entry gives way to a rich middle and citrus finish.

## **GROWING YEAR**

Although 2016 received just below average rainfall, it was still considered the last year of our 5-year drought. However, this adequate amount of rain at the appropriate time led to favorable conditions for bloom, which resulted in an even fruit-set and good vine balance. Summer temperatures were cooler, which allowed the fruit to ripen slowly and develop deeper flavors. The weather held steady through harvest allowing us to pick the fruit at optimum maturity levels, resulting in wines full of finesse and intensity.

## VINEYARD CHARACTER

This wine is a blend of selected single vineyard Chardonnay estate grapes, with a large portion coming from our Dijon clones 95, 76 and 17.



#### 2016 Vintage

• 91 points The Wine Enthusiast

### 2015 Vintage

• 92 points The Wine Enthusiast

Winemaker: Bryan Kvamme

Consulting Winemaker: Erin Green

Assistant Winemaker: Courtney Wagoner

Case Production: 826