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Three Sisters Chardonnay | Fort Ross - Seaview 2019

GROWING YEAR

The 2019 season was overall very cool with record rainfall for Sonoma County in February. The vines however were not affected by this because they were still dormant at the time. Similar to the 2018 season, spring and summer were moderate in temperature and ripening developed gradually and under minimal stress. This year was in fact so similar to 2018 that we began harvest the same day, on September 10th. Unfortunately another wildfire hit the region at the end of October, but luckily none of our vineyards were affected. The winery and many employees were evacuated, but we were able to keep an eye on the new vintage with a skeleton crew. The quality was not impacted and we are very excited at the concentration of flavors in this 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 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

Aromas of Asian pear, hazelnut and wet stone are found on the lively nose. The composed palate has flavors of citrus blossom and powdered sugar. Bright and lingering flavors of white flower are found in the finish.



2018 Vintage

- 95+ points – Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate
- 93 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous

2017 Vintage

- 92 points - Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate
- 94 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous

2016 Vintage

- 93 points - Wine Advocate
- 95 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous

Winemaker:
Courtney Wagoner

Consulting Winemaker:
Erin Green

Case Production: 279