

## - 2015 BIG BEND

Chardonnay | Sonoma Coast

Big Bend Chardonnay represents the roots of Roger Roessler Wines. Named after one of Roger's first homes in Sonoma, every year the wine is just that, a homecoming of sorts. The 2015 Big Bend Chardonnay is a medium bodied wine full of chalky minerality and a lovely richness that blends old world wine making sensibility with perfectly grown and delicately harvested fruit.

The aromatics are reminiscent of bees wax, honeysuckle and white pear. The palette displays medium weight to the mouth, balanced with wet stone and flavors of lemon curd and green papaya. There's a lovely characteristic richness to this wine that ends with on the back palate with zippy acidity.

The fruit for the wine was sourced from 3 sites in the Sonoma Coast Appellation. The majority came from the cool western edge where the majority of the soils are gold-ridge loam which is great for drainage and adding lovely structure to the wine. A significant portion came from the colder Petaluma Gap area where fog and wind create bracing acidity and complexity in the wine. And finally, a small amount came from a special site in the heart of the Russian River Valley, which adds richness to the wine and gives the wine lovely balance overall.

The whole cluster grapes were slowly pressed and barrel fermented in 30% new tight grain French Oak barrels, and bottled after 18 months in March of 2017. This is one of those rare Chardonnays that is balanced and bright, that will pair beautifully with a multitude of cuisine, and is great for any party scene. The wine will cellar nicely for another 3 to 5 years.



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WINEMAKER:	Drew Huffine
Varietal:	100% Chardonnay
Barrels:	100% French Oak, 30% New
Barrel Aging:	18 Months
Fermentation:	Barrel Fermented Organic French Yeast. Native ML.
PH:	3.25
Total Acidity:	6.99
Alcohol Content:	14.1
SRP:	\$30

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