

# DURELL VINEYARD

## CHARDONNAY

### SONOMA COAST

While pinot noir was our first chapter at Durell, chardonnay has become an essential part of the story. Originally a cattle ranch, the land was transformed into a vineyard in the early 1980s by Ed Durell, and since Bill Price's stewardship began in 1997, it has remained one of the most respected chardonnay sites in the state. Today, 85 acres of chardonnay are planted across Durell's complex terrain, rocky ridgelines, valley-floor flats, and gravel-streaked hillsides.

Over the years, chardonnay from Durell has earned acclaim not only in our cellar but from countless producers who have sourced from this site. In 2023, Wine Spectator named Durell one of the "Best of California" Chardonnay vineyards, a recognition built on decades of consistency and character.



# Robb Report

*The 9 Best Chardonnays to Drink Right Now, From Napa to Burgundy*

2021 VINTAGE

**Best Chardonnay Under \$75**

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- MEREDITH MAY

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**APPELLATION**

Sonoma Coast

**VARIETY CONTENT**

100% Chardonnay

**SOIL**

Los Robles Gravelly Clay  
Loam, Goulding Cobbly Clay  
Loam

**CLONES**

Wente, Hyde

**FERMENTATION**

French Oak

**FERMENTATION LENGTH**

22 days

**MALOLACTIC  
FERMENTATION**

100%

**BARREL AGING**

14 Months

**BARREL COMPOSITION**

100% French Oak; 21% New

**ALCOHOL CONTENT**

13.7%

**TOTAL ACIDITY (TA)**

6.0 g/L

**PH**

3.32

**PRODUCTION**

665 Cases

**SRP**

\$70

**RELEASE DATE**

August 2025

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One Sky, Walala, William James

**COLLECTION**

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*International*  
**WINEREPORT**  
**Editor’s Choice**

“The 2023 Three Sticks Durell Vineyard Chardonnay is a dazzling expression of Sonoma Coast elegance. It opens with a vibrant interplay of Meyer lemon oil, green pear, and a thread of tangerine peel, accented by subtle spice and a touch of crushed seashell. Mid-palate, the wine shows both energy and depth, weaving together tropical hints of pineapple core with delicate herbal lift. The texture is silken yet driven, carrying the flavors through a finish that feels both expansive and refined. Highly recommended.” – **JEREMY YOUNG**



**CRISTALDI & CO**

“This 100% Chardonnay from Durell Vineyard—crafted from Wente and Hyde clones—was aged for 14 months in 100% French oak, 21% new. Just 665 cases were produced. The wine exudes poise and elegance, balancing opulent flavors of ripe citrus, lemon oil, white acacia flowers, and crushed almonds with subtle toasty oak spice. Crisp acidity and bright apple-skin tannins bring lift and precision, resulting in a beautifully harmonious and striking white wine from this exceptional vineyard.” – **JONATHAN CRISTALDI**



**JAMES SUCKLING.COM**

“A broad, opulent wine framed by acidity and oak structure. On the nose, lemon curd, creme brulee, pears and baking spices. The rich texture has mouthwatering acidity and a long finish. Full-bodied. Drink or hold..” – **JAMES SUCKLING**

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“Featuring both nutty, gently spicy notes derived from high-class cooperage and fruit conveying freshness as well as full ripeness, this is enduringly interesting because of the interplay between these principal sensory signals. Nuances recalling vanilla and caramel serve to accent fruit reminiscent of Golden apples and white peaches. Already evolving into a fully integrated wine despite showing distinct elements, this is showing beautifully now.” – **MICHAEL FRANZ**



**WINE ENTHUSIAST**

“This Chardonnay displays a wild level of complexity on the nose, with aromas of tart green pear, fleshy apple, Ranier cherry, sage, lemon peel and ginger swirling and dancing. The palate brings bright acidity and flavors of Meyer lemon, lemon thyme, pineapple sage and apple blossom that ricochet along the palate.” – **TOM CAPO**



Antonio Galloni  
**vinous**

“The 2022 Chardonnay Durell Vineyard is bright, finely sculpted and dynamic in the glass. Light on its feet and nuanced, the 2022 has so much to offer. Tangerine peel, passion fruit, white flowers and chalk offer a beguiling interplay of overtly tropical flavors and vibrant, mineral-laced inflections. The airy, lifted finish is quite lovely..” – **ANTONIO GALLONI**

### 2021 VINTAGE



**The Wine Independent**

“The 2021 Three Sticks Durell Vineyard Chardonnay slowly unfurls to offer evocative scents of juicy peaches, spiced pears, and jasmine tea, leading to wafts of allspice and sea spray. The medium-bodied palate is tightly wound with great tension, delivering loads of vibrant flavors of peaches and pears, with a long mineral-laced finish.” – **LISA PERROTTI-BROWN**



Antonio Galloni  
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“The 2021 Chardonnay Durell Vineyard is a brilliant, chiseled wine. Apricot, white flowers, marzipan and light tropical notes are finely sketched. Vibrant saline tones extend the finish effortlessly. I especially admire the translucent finesse and overall nuance here.” – **ANTONIO GALLONI**



**Wine Spectator**

“This effusive white features flavors of marmalade, peach and grilled pineapple drizzled with wildflower honey. Offers beautiful orange blossom aromatics, plus a hint of tarragon and a ginger note on the long, expressive finish. Drink now through 2035. 620 cases made.” – **MARYANN WOROBIEC**



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