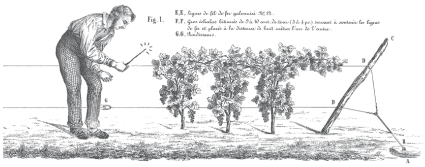

LA FOLLETTE

AN ONGOING DIALOGUE WITH SINGULAR VINEYARDS

2021 Sun Chase Chardonnay

SONOMA COAST | SONOMA COUNTY

Planted on the west-facing hillside where the cool Petaluma Gap collides with Sonoma Mountain, Sun Chase Vineyard overlooks a broad sweep of the Sonoma County from the San Pablo Bay to north Santa Rosa. Our Chardonnay block sits on a sun-drenched, rocky incline where fruit yields are naturally limited with small clusters and aromatic fruit.

"This wine's zesty finish has brilliant acidity providing an electric counterpoint to the riper aromas and flavors."

WINEMAKER HUGH CHAPPELLE

SUN CHASE VINEYARD | PETALUMA GAP

~ Block Size: 1.57 acres
~ Year Planted: 2007
~ Soil Type: Goulding Cobbly Clay Loam
~ Elevation: 1000'
~ Clone: 76 | Rootstock: 3309
~ Aspect: East-West | Spacing: 3.2' x 6'

WINEMAKING

~ Harvested September 4-8, 2021
~ Juice was only lightly settled, allowing more natural grape solids into the fermentation for enhanced mouthfeel and texture
~ Primary fermentation started in stainless steel, then transferred to barrels once underway
~ Malolactic fermentation occured in barrel, without lees stirring
~ Aged 11 months in low toast 3-year air-dried French oak (20% new), followed by 5 months in stainless steel barrels to amplify minerality
~ Bottled February 10, 2023 un-fined and unfiltered

SENSORY

~The wine is a very pretty light straw color with aromas of fresh pear, peaches and Meyer lemon. These are tied together with subtle green herbs of chervil and arugula. Before the first sip it reminds of a light fresh springtime salad.
~ On the palate the fruit flavors explode: tangerine, pear skin, and canned peaches all mixed in with a limestone minerality. Secondary notes of white flowers, honeysuckle and just a touch of vanilla from the French oak at the end of the exceptionally long finish.

CHEMISTRY

~ Alcohol 14.2% | pH 3.29 | TA 0.60

SRP

~ $60

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