

'MA DOUCE'

FORT ROSS - SEAVIEW CHARDONNAY

Located on the Sonoma Coast, on the second ridge from the Pacific Ocean, this unique hillside vineyard is comprised of Goldridge soil and benefits from both the cool maritime breeze (douce brise) and the mild and sunny mountain climate. Handcrafted using classical Burgundian winemaking techniques, this wine is dedicated to my wife, Jodie Morlet. It is 'My Sweet' or 'Ma Douce.'



Proprietary name 'Ma Douce' Name meaning My Sweet

> 'Douce brise' from the ocean Named after Jodie Morlet

Varietal composition Chardonnay

Type of wine Vineyard designated

Appellation Fort Ross-Seaview, Sonoma Coast

Vineyard singularity On the second ridge from the Pacific Ocean

1500-1600 feet elevation; above the fog layer

Goldridge soils

Picking Night pick; manual; small lugs; refrigerated truck

Sorting Cluster-by-cluster

Fermentation In barrel through native yeast

Upbringing 14 months in French oak barrels from selected

artisan coopers

Malolactic

Sur lies with bâtonnage
Bottling Unfined, unfiltered

Ideal cellaring 3 to 5 years after harvest date

Arc of aging 15 to 20 years

Serving 55-59°F (13-15°C); Decant when served young

TASTING NOTES

"The 2020 'Ma Douce' kicks off with gregarious notes of crème caramel, baked pears, and passion fruit, plus suggestions of cedar chest and spice cake. The medium to full-bodied palate has a spritely backbone of acidity cutting through the rich, oily fruit, finishing long and opulent."

98 points Lisa Perrotti-Brown, MW The Wine Independent, Aug. 2022

