

## '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 Unfined, unfiltered

*Ideal cellaring* 3 to 5 years after harvest date

Arc of aging 15 to 20 years

Bottling

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

## **TASTING NOTES**

"The 2023 'Ma Douce' springs from the glass with vibrant notes of juicy grapefruit, orange blossoms, fresh pineapple, and baking bread with hints of marzipan and fresh ginger. The full-bodied palate has a wonderfully satiny texture and amazing tension supporting the intense citrus and tropical fruit flavors, finishing long and zesty."

98 points Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW The Wine Palate, July 2025

