

GROUNDWORK

CHARDONNAY

TECHNICAL INFO

VARIETAL	VINTAGE	PRODUCTION (BARRELS)
Chardonnay	2014	3
CLONE	VINEYARD	APPELLATION
4 & Wente	Gold Coast Vineyard	Santa Maria Valley
ALC %	AGING POTENTIAL (YEARS)	RELEASE DATE
13.9	4-6	May 22, 2016

AGING

18 months on the lees in 20% new French barriques

SERVING RECOMMENDATION

Chill slightly, 10-15 minutes in the fridge, pull the cork and enjoy!

OVERVIEW

VINEYARD DESIGNATE: showcasing one varietal and one vineyard

RARE: only 3 barrels made

MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION: arrested once primary fermentation was complete

TASTING NOTES

This wedding is immaculate. Perched over the Pacific in Big Sur, it rained the day before and the air is filled with the forest and the sea: churned forest soil, rosemary, juniper, salted cliffs, and deep mist all fill the air and her weighty white sateen dress. The ceremony takes a second, and the guests are served Zombies, almond biscotti and lightly smoked lemon gelato while the band begins the first reprise.

ABOUT GROUNDWORK

Groundwork is all about the fundamentals. Putting to use the empirical knowledge he has gained from making wine for his first label, Sans Liege Wines, Curt Schalchlin seeks to bring his experience to a new set of wines that embrace the soul and simple living of the Rhône Groundwork is built upon Curt's comfort and confidence as a winemaker, instructing him to trust in the fruit, the vineyards, and his own rich experience as guides.

