



## Decoy

Crafted from some of the most acclaimed vineyards in the Sonoma Coast, the Decoy Limited Chardonnay offers a captivating combination of lush stone fruit, citrus, and a hint of oak spice. The wine delivers both elegance and structure, making it an ideal expression of Sonoma Coast Chardonnay.



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Alcohol : 14,10 %

Composition: 100% Chardonnay

### Limited Chardonnay 2020

California, USA

#### Region and Vineyards

The **Sonoma Coast** is renowned for producing world-class Chardonnays thanks to its cool-climate conditions and coastal influences. This **vintage** benefitted from a warm summer, with an early start to harvest. The growing season saw a significant **heat event** in early September, accelerating ripening, followed by cooler conditions that allowed for optimal fruit maturity. The **Sonoma Coast** offers complex soils and cool ocean breezes, contributing to a long growing season that is ideal for cultivating high-quality **Chardonnay**.

#### Winemaking

The **Decoy Limited Chardonnay** is made from **100% Chardonnay** grapes sourced from some of the best vineyards in the Sonoma Coast region. The wine was aged for **8 months** in a combination of **stainless steel and French oak barrels**, with **30% new oak** adding a subtle oak influence. To maintain vibrant acidity and freshness, only **30% malolactic fermentation** was used, ensuring a clean and bright finish.

#### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Pale golden yellow with bright clarity.
- **Aroma:** Aromas of **ripe Meyer lemon, white peach, and tangerine**, with a hint of **butterscotch** and light **oak spice**.
- **Palate:** Smooth and round on the palate, offering flavors of **tropical fruit and stone fruit**, balanced by lively acidity. The subtle oak and light malolactic fermentation add richness and complexity, leading to a long, clean finish.

#### Did you know?

The **Decoy Limited Sonoma Coast Chardonnay** was established by **Dan and Margaret Duckhorn** in 1985, as part of their dedication to crafting premium wines that express the unique terroirs of Sonoma. The **Limited** range highlights the winery's commitment to producing wines with more depth and complexity.



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### **Wines & Spirits (W&S) : 91 Points (2020)**

*Ripe pear and sweet honeysuckle scents play with this wine's cool, zesty feel, pointing its acidity at the creamy richness of an oyster pan roast. Half of the wine ferments in French oak, half in stainless steel, sustaining the fruit's briskness.*



### **Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 90 Points (2019)**

*A soft, approachable white with a succulence on the palate, this offers notes of Meyer lemon, apple, peach and melon. It is fruity at its core, with rich underlying elements of butterscotch, baking spice and oak*



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