BROCC CELLARS - 2021 MICHAEL MARA CHARDONNAY

VARIETAL: 100% Chardonnay
LOCATION: Sonoma Coast
VINEYARD: Michael Mara Vineyard
ALCOHOL: 12.5%
TOTAL PRODUCTION: 77 cases

WINEMAKER’S NOTES:
We have a long history with Michael Mara Vineyard, starting with our first vintage working with their Chardonnay in 2010. There is a beautiful balance of fruit and acidity in this wine, making it very special. We brought the grapes in whole cluster and then went direct to press. The juice was allowed to naturally ferment using only native yeasts in one of our Stokinger Austrian oak puncheons and one 60 gallon neutral French oak barrel. No sulfur at fermentation or aging, a minimal amount added at bottling. Topped off every 4 weeks. Aged on the lees, never stirred, for 10 months.

VITICULTURAL AREA:
Located just west of the town of Sonoma and at the base of the Sonoma Mountain range, Michael Mara Vineyard is planted on top of rocky lobe and red soil. It is truly a unique site for growing Chardonnay in California, with the fruit absorbing lots of the marine air from the site along with the minerality from the rocky soil. The vineyard was planted in 2006 by Steve Matthiason and the Idell family. Farmed Organically.

At Broc Cellars all of our wines are made using spontaneous fermentation, a process that means we only use native yeasts and bacteria that exist on the grapes in order to make wine. We don’t add anything – this includes nutrients, yeast, bacteria, enzymes, tannins or other popular fermentation agents. Sulphur is a naturally occurring element in all wine, the amount found can vary. We add little to no S02, depending on the wine and style.