

Fulcrum Durell Vineyard Chardonnay

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2018 Fulcrum Durell Vineyard Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast

Made in a lush style with a broad, appealing fleshiness and velvety texture, this wine shows off the vineyard well, mixing cool coastal components of acidity and minerality with California richness. Pineapple, pear and baking spice dominate around notes of oak and flint. 91 Points - Virginie Boone, May 2021

Jeb Dunnuck

Fulcrum 2018 Durell Vineyard Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast

From a great site on the Sonoma Coast, the 2018 Chardonnay Durell Vineyard was barrel fermented and aged 11 months in 23% new French oak. It offers plenty of melon and subtle tropical fruits to go with a plush, medium to full-bodied texture, good acidity, a kiss of background oak, and outstanding length. It's well-made and ideal for drinking over the coming 2-4 years. 90 Points – Jeb Dunnuck, May 2020

Robert Parker/Wine Advocate

Fulcrum 2017 Chardonnay Durell Vineyard Sonoma Coast

The 2017 Chardonnay Durell Vineyard gives up brioche and honey-nut aromas on the nose over lemon peel, green melon, passion fruit and white blossoms. The medium-bodied palate offers nice balance between tropical and nutty/honeyed flavors, with creamy weight and a long finish. **90 Points** - *Erin Brooks*, *April 2019*

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2017 Fulcrum Durell Vineyard Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast

Salty and oaky, this wine was barrel fermented in 26% new French oak, allowing room for an intensity of caramel and baked apple. Lengthy and well made, it has length and breadth within moderate structure and acidity. **90 Points** - *Virginie Boone*, *October 2019*

Jeb Dunnuck

Fulcrum 2017 Chardonnay Durell Vineyard Sonoma Coast

From a great site on the Sonoma Coast, the 2017 Chardonnay Durell Vineyard reveals a medium gold color as well as tons of golden fruits, mascarpone, white flowers, and a touch of brioche. It's terrific on the palate is nicely textured, has a rounded, concentrated mid-palate, and a great finish. It's a touch closed, so I suspect 6-12 months of bottle age are warranted.

91 Points - Jeb Dunnuck. June 2019

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Fulcrum 2016 Chardonnay Durell Vineyard Sonoma Coast

The 2016 Chardonnay Durell Vineyard is impressive. Vibrant citrus blossom, white flowers, a touch of minerality and crushed rock all flow to a medium-bodied, pure, clean, beautifully textured Chardonnay that has integrated acidity and a great finish. I love its concentration and this balanced effort will age beautifully. **92 Points, Outstanding** - Jeb Dunnuck. June 2018

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2016 Fulcrum Durell Vineyard, Sonoma Coast Chardonnay

Moderate golden yellow color in the glass. Highly aromatic, featuring scents of lemon oil, apple, creme soda, mixed nuts, toffee and a hint of matchstick. Nicely composed, with rich flavors of lemon, tangerine, pastry creme, and a compliment of oak-driven burnt caramel and vanilla in a friendly style. Texturally plush, with embraceable acidity. **92**; **Outstanding** - *Rusty Gaffney, April* 2018

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2016 Fulcrum Durell Vineyard Chardonnay

The 2016 Chardonnay Durell Vineyard is scented of ripe apples, guava and pineapple with touches of brioche, almonds and honeycomb. Medium to full-bodied, it fills the mouth with tropical fruit goodness, lifted by just enough freshness and finishing with lingering toastiness.

90 Points; Outstanding - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, April 2018

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2015 Fulcrum Durell Vineyard Chardonnay

There's a salty, gravelly stone character to this medium-bodied wine that largely defines it, marking the grapes original home in the vineyard's Sand Hill block, planted entirely to one Dijon clone. Caramel apple meets a complement of crisper green apple, finding balance and grace in the glass. 92 Points; Excellent; Highly recommended - Virginie Boone, May 2017

Robert Parker/Wine Advocate

2015 Fulcrum Durell Vineyard Chardonnay

The 2015 Chardonnay Durell Vineyard went through 100% malolactic and was barrel-fermented in French oak, 42% of which was new. It offers notes of pineapple, passionfruit, ripe peaches and brioche with hints of marzipan and ginger. Medium to full-bodied, there is a pleasant savory character in the mouth with just enough freshness and a hint of smokiness on the finish. 90 Points; Outstanding - Lisa Perrotti-Brown March 2017