

Ernest Vineyards

Ernest Vineyards was co-founded by Todd Gottula and Erin Brooks in 2012. The name of the wines and the venture were inspired by Gottula's grandfather, Ernest, who's entrepreneurial spirit and depth of character provided an example this husband and wife team wanted to carry forward. This earnestness drives Gottula, Brooks, and their winemaker, Joseph Ryan, in creating attainable wines of restraint modeled off of excellent Burgundies.

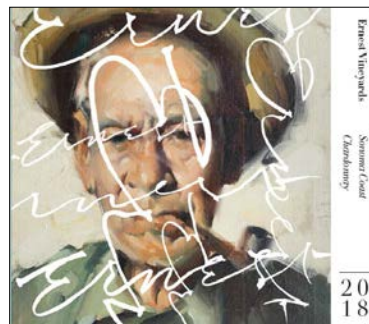


Ernest extends beyond the owners and winemaker in the form of their bond with the independent growers who farm the land. Hailing from agricultural families, both Gottula and Brooks rely upon these personal relationships with 15 different farmers in Sonoma County representing 17 unique sites totaling 24 acres of vines. Each site has been selected for its own unique terroir, but the common through-line is colder climate sites that historically maintain lower air temperatures during the growing season compared to the rest of Sonoma. The goal is to maintain tension in the wine, maintaining high-acid and low alcohol without losing the diversity of each site's climate and soil. Minimal oak is used in the *élevage* to ensure that the wines are balanced and smooth.

The Edaphos wines are an additional label produced by Gottula, Brooks, and Ryan. Edaphos is Greek for "base," "ground" or "soil." So, it is appropriate that Edaphos Wines are occasionally referred to as their "sandbox." This line of wines is a chance to work with off-the-beaten-path varieties in small lots, and provides the team to try new approaches to winemaking while opening up new possibilities for the growing community of Ernest Vineyards' fans.

Sonoma Coast

Chardonnay



Varietal/Blend: Chardonnay (Clones 5, Old Wente)

Farming Practices: low impact farming

Vineyard: Joyce Vineyard, Cleary Ranch,
Fallenleaf Vineyard

Vineyard Size: 4 acres

Harvest Technique: by hand

Yeast: selected

Fermentation: direct press to stainless steel tank

Malolactic: yes

Maturation: 13 months in French oak (30% new)

Alcohol: 12.8%

Fined: no

Filtered: yes

Country: United States

Region: California

Subregion: West Sonoma Coast / Freestone

Production #s: 128 12-packs

THE VINEYARD: Inspired by an incredible 3-acre property we've just added to the Ernest family, we introduce our first ever appellation Chardonnay. The Joyce Vineyard is the coldest site we've encountered in the West Sonoma Coast and one day will be an incredible source for sparkling wine. But there's plenty to anchor our Sonoma Coast Chardonnay along with some blending from our two other cool-climate, maritime-influenced Chardonnay sites. This wine is 100% sourced and crafted from Ernest's core program without any additional external or bulk wine added.

LABEL STORY: Who is Ernest? A risk-taker, a role model, an inspiring grandfather who helps you confidently reach further. That inspiration informs everything we do at Ernest Vineyards.