**2020 Chardonnay Sonoma Coast “Live Free or Die”**

**About the wine**

“LIVE FREE OR DIE” is a phrase best known as the New Hampshire state motto and first uttered by New Hampshire Revolutionary War hero General John Stark who wrote, “Live free or die, death is not the greatest of evils.” This commemorative wine was created by vintner, philanthropist and University of New Hampshire alum Peter T. Paul, who said, “I wanted to make a wine that would resonate with the spirit of New Hampshire.” Indeed, one can almost imagine the outline of the state on the bottle....

The core element of this wine comes from selected vineyards within the breezy Sonoma Coast, a region with a near-perfect climate for growing delicious Chardonnay. The final blend features some of our top Russian River wine from the Bacigalupi vineyard, the historic vineyard source was almost half of the Chardonnay blend that beat the French in the 1976 “Judgement of Paris.” Fun stuff!

**Winemaker’s Notes**

The first thing that strikes me about this wine is how utterly refreshing it is. A superb dose of citrus zest and sunshine permeate the entire experience. Citrus, snappy apple, almond, white peach dance on the nose, whilst the palate shows zesty white and citrus fruits, wonderful viscosity and a joyful, refreshing finish. The acidity is on point, with a taut cohesion between indulgent citrus/stone liveliness and the creamy textural hint of the well-dressed, oak-aged Bacigalupi element. Don’t overchill, this has lots going on.

**Technical Data**

Variety: 100% Chardonnay

Appellation: Sonoma Coast

Maturation: Partial ML, 12ms 20% new oak and stainless steel

Bottled Date: July 2021

Production: 250 cases