**2023 ‘Live Free or Die’ Chardonnay**

**Vintage Notes**

The winter and spring months of 2023 brought critically-needed rainfall to Sonoma County, which replenished the watershed and brought the region out of drought conditions. Due to the ample moisture in the ground, several developmental stages such as bud break and flowering were delayed by several weeks, which resulted in a very long growing season and later harvest. Consistent summer heat and minimal heat spikes allowed for slow and undisturbed fruit ripening, allowing us to pick at the optimal moment for flavor and age-worthiness in the bottle. The 2023 vintage is being described as one of the most iconic in recent decades.

**Tasting Notes**

The 2023 'Live Free or Die' Chardonnay is an homage to Peter Paul's home state of New Hampshire, celebrating the state's illustrious motto. This Chardonnay is always crafted with freshness and vitality in mind, however, it can be enjoyed sooner or later. The 2023 vintage is particularly aromatic with notes of apple pie, lemon zest, and beautiful jasmine florals. The midpalate is loaded with layers of complexity and roundness, however, a playful acidity makes this wine light on its feet and quaffable.

**Technical Data**

* Varietals: 100% Chardonnay
* Sub-appellations: Sonoma Coast
* Maturation: 100% Neutral French Oak, Aged for 15 Months
* 100% Malolactic Fermentation
* Bottled Date: December 11, 2024
* Cases Produced: 466 Cases (12 x 750 mL)
* Winemaker: Michael Tracy