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2016 CHARDONNAY LUCKY WELL VINEYARD



Blend	100% whole cluster pressed Chardonnay
Clones	Hudson
Yeast	Native
Ferment	Barrel fermented
Aging	10 months in 30% new French oak
Cellaring	15+ years
рН	3.05
TA	8.6 g/l
Alcohol	13.7%
Production	123 cases
Bottled	August 24th, 2017

Now a decade old, the Lucky Well Vineyard has already established itself as a benchmark for those seeking a Burgundian style of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Under the masterful direction of viticulturist Ulises Valdez, its wines are pure, focused and eminently ageworthy. One of a handful of Chardonnay clones farmed on this small site overlooking Occidental, the Hudson clone traces its roots several decades back to Burgundy and typically supports higher acidity and minerality reminiscent of Chablis. The challenge lies in Hudson's prohibitively low yields, and with his Lucky Well Vineyard Pinot Noir earning wide acclaim, Ulises made the decision to replace this Chardonnay block with the more bountiful red variety. Though the 2016 vintage is our last Chardonnay from Lucky Well, its final bow is a worthy addition to the cellar for the patient collector seeking Grand Cru elegance from the West Sonoma Coast. This offering is exquisitely measured, with the precise balance and tension that have always defined Texture.