

Senses Wines

Tenth Stop Chardonnay 2018



Founded by Sonoma County natives in 2011, Senses Wines is quickly becoming one of the most exciting projects to come out of the Sonoma Coast. With grapes from renowned vineyards crafted by legendary winemaker Thomas Rivers Brown, these wines are complex and beautifully balanced.

Tenth Stop Chardonnay was named as an homage to the town where the three founders grew up. Occidental served as the tenth stop on the North Pacific Coast Railroad.

2018 Vintage Tasting Notes

Many are hailing the 2018 vintage as a return to “normal” as the vintage was comparatively calm, cool, and late. The year began with a relatively warm February before giving way to a cold spring and moderate growing conditions throughout the season. The moderate temperatures continued into harvest allowing for full phenolic ripeness to develop and the luxury of picking the grapes when they were mature rather than trying to beat the heat.

“The 2018 Chardonnay Tenth Stop comes all from the Dutton Palms Vineyard and spent 14 months in between 25% to 40% new French oak. Its medium gold color is followed by a rocking bouquet of spiced pears, white peach, baking spices, and honeyed toast. This beauty is rich, medium to full-bodied, has bright acidity, and a great finish, all making for a riveting Sonoma Coast Chardonnay. Give bottles another year and enjoy through 2028.” - 96pts, Jeb Dunnuck

Christopher Lloyd Strieter

Founder & CEO, Senses Wines

Christopher combined his dream to own a business with his passion for wine when he partnered with childhood friends Max Thieriot and Myles Lawrence-Briggs. Rather than pursuing a career in consulting, he worked harvest after graduating from Claremont with his Master’s degree in Finance. Inspired by his work with Jess Jackson of Jackson Family Wines and his time at cult-classic Williams Selyem Winery, Christopher decided to take the plunge and founded Senses Wines. Since the beginning, Christopher has been intimately involved with all aspects of the business.



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