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California's Greatest Chardonnay Vineyards

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The saying "great wine starts in the vineyard" holds plenty of truth, particularly when it comes to Chardonnay. The grape can be wonderfully transparent, with the imprint of the vineyard often as significant as the fingerprint of the winemaker's choices.

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After visiting Chardonnay vineyards up and down California, spending hours in the vines and talking to farmers, I suggest another relationship to nature here—that between wine lovers and these special sites.

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2021 Chardonnay Sonoma Coast

Packs crisp pineapple, lemon curd and apple flavors that are fresh and vivid, with hints of smoky litsea oil and dried thyme. Shows salty mineral details on the long, expressive finish, where a touch of butterscotch lingers. Drink now. 990 cases made.