

NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

2018 Estate Collection Napa Valley Chardonnay



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: NAPA VALLEY

VARIETAL: 100% CHARDONNAY

ALCOHOL: 14.5% BY VOL.

TA: 5.6

PH: 3.39

FERMENTATION: 100% BARREL
FERMENTED, 21% NEW FRENCH OAK

PRODUCTION: 280 CASES

THE ESTATE COLLECTION

The Estate Collection is a series of limited-production wines available only at the Raymond Estate. Sourced from our finest estate vineyards and longtime vineyard partners, each wine represents our winemaking team's commitment to crafting wines worthy of our five-generation winemaking legacy in Napa Valley.

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for our Estate Collection Napa Valley Chardonnay are grown in our estate vineyard in Jameson Canyon, from five select hillside blocks that are somewhat protected from this extremely windy area. The grapes spend afternoons in temperatures warmer than the valley floor, but the mornings and evenings are spent in fog with cool, marine breezes ultimately helping to evenly ripen the grapes. This area is ideal for producing Chardonnay with bright acidity and creamy, citrus flavors.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKERS

After whole cluster pressing the grapes, the juice was 100% barrel fermented with a mix of native and inoculated yeast. The wine was aged sur lie for 11 months in 21% new Francois Frere and Baron French oak barrels to provide true varietal complexity and a medium-plus body with more creaminess but maintaining good acidity.

WINE PROFILE

The 2018 Estate Collection Chardonnay opens with enticing aromas of stone fruit, orange blossom and a touch of white pepper. The palate is equally as bright with fresh clementine and honeysuckle and hints of clove and lemon custard lingering in the finish. This wine demonstrates the strength and finesse of the Chardonnay grape.