



NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

## GENERATIONS

NAPA VALLEY CHARDONNAY

2018

### IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for this 2018 Generations Chardonnay were harvested from three vineyards with the majority of the fruit coming from our estate located in Jameson Canyon. The remaining grapes are from a vineyard over 1,400 feet in elevation in the Atlas Peak appellation and a vineyard located in the Carneros region of Napa Valley. The Jameson Canyon estate vineyard is planted on rolling hills with cooling winds from the nearby Pacific Ocean that provide a long, cool growing season enhancing the intensity of the Chardonnay flavors and maintaining bright, balanced acidity.

### ABOUT THE VINTAGE

2018 was a near picture-perfect growing season that began in late February followed by a mild Spring yielding uniform grape clusters. Temperatures remained moderate to cool throughout the season with 2018 being considered one of the coolest vintages of the past decade. The cooler temperatures allowed for a longer hangtime resulting in an even and temperate harvest.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Generations is a tribute to the Raymond family's five generations of winemaking in the Napa Valley. This limited production wine is 100% Chardonnay and the winery's ultimate expression of this varietal.

A mix of specialized Old Wente and Dijon clones, the 2018 Generations Napa Valley Chardonnay was harvested between September 18 and October 6. The grapes were whole cluster pressed and fermented in French oak barrels with 100% native yeast fermentation and achieved 100% native malolactic fermentation.

### WINE PROFILE

A bouquet of fresh mango, lemon tart and grapefruit aromas greet the nose with a hint of brioche. Decadent citrus flavors of orange and key lime are laced with notes of ginger and nutmeg. The creamy texture leads to a refreshing and flavorful finish.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

VARIETALS:  
100% Chardonnay

ALCOHOL: 14.5% by vol.

PH: 3.53

TA: 5.2 g/L

AGING: 19 months in 25%  
new small French oak

BOTTLED: May 11, 2020,  
unfiltered

