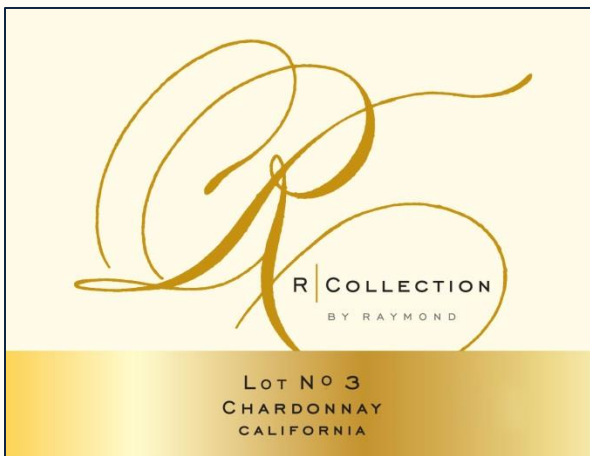




## R COLLECTION CHARDONNAY 2017



### IN THE VINEYARD

The R Collection Chardonnay is sourced from the finest vineyards throughout California, with each area adding a unique layer into the overall taste profile. Minimally intrusive winemaking techniques allow the true California terroir to shine through in every glass poured and bottle enjoyed.

### ABOUT THE VINTAGE

The 2017 vintage was marked by extreme conditions that reduced crop size, starting with abundant winter rainfall and mild spring weather, which led to vigorous vines. The growing season saw three heat spikes, including one over Labor Day weekend that kicked harvest into high gear. The hot year did ensure that the vast majority of fruit was off the vines when the Wine Country wildfires broke out on October 8.

### WINE PROFILE

Our 2017 R Collection Chardonnay is an exquisitely balanced and crisp Chardonnay fermented in stainless steel tanks with only a very small amount of oak, providing a nice alternative to the heavier oaked Chardonnays. It underwent a partial malolactic fermentation which develops a gentle creaminess but also retains some acidity for freshness. This Chardonnay opens with bright citrus aromas with a fresh floral note and touch of honeysuckle. With a crisp mouthfeel, this wine displays a nicely balanced acidity and culminates in a smooth finish that makes it the perfect pairing with a variety of dishes.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

**ALCOHOL:** 13.5%

**PH:** 3.61

**TA:** 5.6 g/L

**APELLATION:** CALIFORNIA