

NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

## 2013 ESTATE COLLECTION NAPA VALLEY CHARDONNAY



### TECHNICAL NOTES

**APPELLATION:** NAPA VALLEY

**VARIETAL:** CHARDONNAY

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5% BY VOL.

**TA:** 6.74 g/L

**PH:** 3.51

**FERMENTATION:** 100% BARREL

FERMENTED, 50% NEW FRENCH OAK

**PRODUCTION:** 997 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, at the southern part of the Napa Valley, just east of Carneros. 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 combination of native and inoculated fermentation. The wine was aged for 8 months in 50% new French oak with no malolactic to provide true varietal complexity and a medium-plus body.

### WINE PROFILE

The inaugural vintage of our Estate Collection Chardonnay opens with alluring stone fruit, pear, and gravelly aromas with lifted notes of honeysuckle and white pepper. Creamy on the palate, this wine displays luscious flavors of fig and lemon curd with hints of blanched almonds and a toasty oak finish.