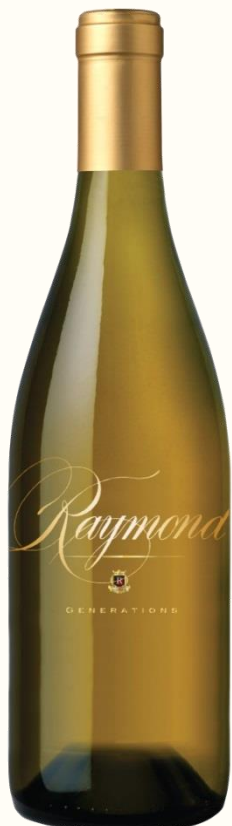




## 2015 Generations Napa Valley Chardonnay



### IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for the Generations Chardonnay come from our estate vineyards in Jameson Canyon and a select vineyard in the Atlas Peak appellation. The estate vineyards are planted on rolling hills at the southern end of Napa Valley. The growing conditions in the Jameson Canyon are very similar to Carneros, the neighboring appellation just west of the Napa River. Winds flow through Jameson Canyon, carrying in the cooling influence of the nearby Pacific Ocean and providing a long, cool growing season that enhances the intensity of the Chardonnay flavors.

### ABOUT THE VINTAGE

The 2015 harvest was lighter than the previous year but still early and of exceptional quality. Despite a summer marked by wildfire and another year of drought this vintage has been deemed excellent statewide and the lighter volume will not have an impact on supply for California wine lovers nationwide. Picking began for some as early as August and most of the valley was finished by the end of October, well ahead of schedule.

### 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, our 2015 Generations Napa Valley Chardonnay was whole cluster pressed and fermented in French oak barrels with 100% native yeast fermentation and achieved 100% native malolactic fermentation. The wine was then aged for 15 months in 70% new French oak (Francois Frere) with sur-lie aging for a creamy texture and broader mouthfeel before being bottled unfiltered.

### WINE PROFILE

Our 2015 Generations Chardonnay offers seductive tropical floral and blanched almond aromas with hints of guava nectar and freesia. Rich and viscous, flavors of crème brûlée, Madagascar vanilla and allspice spread across the palate. This full wine has a rounded, toasty mouthfeel with balanced acidity, great structure and well integrated oak.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: NAPA VALLEY

VARIETAL: 100% CHARDONNAY

ALCOHOL: 15% BY VOL.

PH: 3.63

TA: 5.3 G/L

FERMENTATION: 100% BARREL FERMENTED,  
100% MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION

AGEING: 15 MONTHS IN 70% NEW FRENCH  
OAK