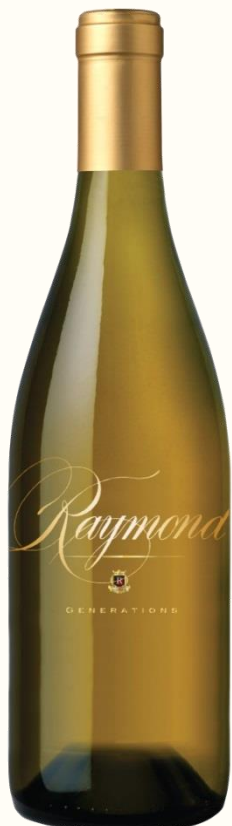




## 2016 GENERATIONS NAPA VALLEY CHARDONNAY



### TECHNICAL NOTES

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Varietal:** 100% Chardonnay

**Alcohol:** 14.5% by vol.

**pH:** 3.76

**TA:** 4.8 g/L

**Fermentation:** 100% barrel fermented,  
100% malolactic fermentation

**Aging:** 15 months in 63% new French oak

### IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for the Generations Chardonnay come from our estate vineyards in Jameson Canyon located at the southern end of Napa Valley and a vineyard over 1,400 feet in elevation in the Atlas Peak appellation. 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.

### ABOUT THE VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage across California was a near-perfect growing season. A mild winter and spring led to a steady and mild July and August, followed by warm days at the end of the season for the perfect ripeness. With warm days and cool nights in the summer, grape growers were able to maintain ideal acid levels with balanced, concentrated fruit flavors.

### 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 2016 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 63% new French oak (Francois Frere) with sur-lie aging for a creamy texture and broader mouthfeel before being bottled unfiltered.

### WINE PROFILE

Our 2016 Generations Chardonnay offers striking floral and citrus notes that are complemented by pear and honeysuckle. Rich and viscous, flavors of crème brûlée, apricot and a touch of allspice spread across the palate. This is a structured wine that is round and plush with good acidity and nicely integrated oak.