



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

VARIETALS: 100% Chardonnay

ALCOHOL: 14.5% by vol.

PH: 3.58

TA: 5.6 g/L

AGING: 10 months in 33% new French oak



NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

ESTATE

NAPA VALLEY CHARDONNAY

2019

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. They were harvested from three blocks and a mix of Dijon and Clone 4. 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.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

The 2019 vintage was a near picture-perfect growing season that began with warm temperatures to kick off the season and then mild temperatures for the slow development of the fruit. These mild temperatures created an extended hangtime developing balanced acidity and beautiful complexity.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

After whole cluster pressing the grapes, the juice was 100% barrel fermented with a mix of native and inoculated yeast. The wine was aged sur lie for 10 months in 33% new Francois Frere oak barrels to provide true varietal complexity and a medium-plus body with more creaminess but maintaining good acidity.

WINE PROFILE

Beautiful aromas of peach, apricots and orange blossom spring from the glass in this 2019 Estate Collection Chardonnay. Lemon and orange flavors mingle with notes of white pepper and honeysuckle. The creamy mouthfeel is nicely balanced with bright acidity and a mouthwatering finish.

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