



#### TECHNICAL NOTES

**APPELLATION:** Napa Valley

**VARIETALS:** 100% Chardonnay

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5% by vol.

**PH:** 3.52

**TA:** 5.6 g/L

**AGING:** 9 months in 20% new French oak



NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

## ESTATE

NAPA VALLEY CHARDONNAY

2020

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 a single vineyard in south Napa. They were harvested from three blocks and are a combination 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

2020 kicked off with ideal growing conditions. Mild temperatures led to evenly developed clusters and an early budbreak was followed by a warm to hot summer. Low winter rains resulted in smaller berries with concentrated flavors. Harvest started in mid September and all things pointed to normal yields and exceptional fruit quality.

#### 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 9 months in 20% new French oak barrels to provide true varietal complexity and a medium-plus body with more creaminess but maintaining good acidity.

#### WINE PROFILE

Bright stone fruit flavors with a hint of violet and honeysuckle waft from the glass. Citrus flavors of lemond and lime compliment the peach and apricots notes with a lovely touch of honey and white pepper. The mouthfeel is creamy and nicely balanced and the finish is refreshing.