



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

VARIETALS:
100% Chardonnay

ALCOHOL: 14.5% by vol.

PH: 3.45

TA: 6.2 g/L

AGING: 20 months in 49%
new French oak

CASES PRODUCED: 91



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GENERATIONS

NAPA VALLEY CHARDONNAY

2021

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for this 2021 Generations Chardonnay were harvested from two vineyards, one in Jameson Canyon and the other, which sits in the sloping hills of the western portion of the Carneros region in Napa. The Jameson Canyon 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 and maintaining bright, balanced acidity.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

2021 was a smooth and uneventful harvest season. June started out warm, followed by a cool and foggy July and August that slowed ripening and caused nice retention of acidity. Even ripening, with no extreme heat events, made for ideal growing conditions. Sparse winter rains resulted in an early budbreak, evenly developed clusters, and smaller berries packed full of flavor. Overall, the fruit was exceptional, making it another amazing year for quality.

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 Dijon clones, the 2021 Generations Napa Valley Chardonnay was harvested between September 10 and October 1. The grapes were whole cluster pressed and 100% barrel fermented in 49% new French oak barrels.

WINE PROFILE

Vibrant notes of fresh grapefruit, mango, and lemon tart effervescently arise from the glass, complemented by subtle hints of lingering freshness and almonds. Luxurious flavors of fig, apricot, and tropical fruits generously unfold across the creamy palate, graced by a delicate touch of nutmeg. The finale imparts a delightful freshness, elevating the concentrated and decadent flavors to a harmonious conclusion.