

TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Napa Valley VARIETALS: 100% Chardonnay ALCOHOL: 14.3% by vol. PH: 3.35

TA: 6.1 g/L

AGING: 18 months in 52% new French oak





GENERATIONS

NAPA VALLEY CHARDONNAY

2022

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for this 2022 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

The start of the 2022 growing season was marked by favorable weather conditions extending into the early summer months. However, the situation shifted as a prolonged heatwave emerged in late August, hastening the harvesting process and leading to diminished yields for certain grape varieties.

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 2022 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

The glass bursts with vibrant notes of fresh grapefruit, mango, and lemon tart, beautifully intertwined with subtle hints of almonds and a refreshing crispness. The palate is richly adorned with luxurious flavors of fig, apricot, and a medley of tropical fruits, all enveloped in a creamy texture and accented with a whisper of nutmeg. The finish brings a delightful freshness, lifting the dense and sumptuous flavors into a harmonious crescendo.