



ESTATE

NAPA VALLEY CHARDONNAY

2022



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Napa Valley
VARIETALS: 100% Chardonnay
ALCOHOL: 14.5% by vol.
PH: 3.41
TA: 6.9 g/L
AGING: 9 months in 21% new French oak

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

Within the North Coast region, 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

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 21% new French oak barrels to provide true varietal complexity and a medium-plus body with more creaminess but maintaining good acidity.

WINE PROFILE

A delicate aroma of ripe white peaches, intertwined with hints of honeysuckle and lavender, wafts from the glass. Zesty overtones of orange peel, lemon, and lime uplift the rich apricot and honey undertones, while a subtle sprinkle of brown sugar and a dash of white pepper add complexity. The palate is greeted with a soft and sumptuous texture, achieving a harmonious balance that leads to a refreshing and enduring finish.

