



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

PH: 3.59

TA: 5.8 g/L

VARIETALS: 100% Chardonnay

AGING: 18 months in 49% new French oak

HARVEST DATES: October 11 & 14, 2023



NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

GENERATIONS

NAPA VALLEY CHARDONNAY

2023

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for this 2023 Generations Chardonnay were harvested from two vineyards on either side of the San Pablo Bay as it comes into Napa, 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

2023 experienced one of the longest growing seasons in a decade or more. Winter and spring rains led to healthy, saturated soils. The mild, warm summer weather supported healthy canopy growth through bloom and set. Relatively cool weather throughout the growing season in tandem with an abundance of sunshine allowed grape skins to ripen slowly. Harvest kicked off around Labor Day and wrapped up by mid-November. The long harvest season, which provided extended hang time to develop flavors leading to an exceptional, high-quality, memorable vintage.

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 and Clone 4 on 1103P rootstock, the 2023 Generations Napa Valley Chardonnay was harvested on October 11 and 14. The grapes were whole cluster pressed and 100% barrel fermented in 49% new Francois Frere and Baron French Oak barrels.

WINE PROFILE

The glass radiates with lively notes of fresh grapefruit, mango, and lemon tart, elegantly interlaced with delicate hints of almonds and a bracing crispness. The palate is lavishly layered with opulent flavors of fig, apricot, and an array of tropical fruits, all wrapped in a silken texture and highlighted by a gentle trace of nutmeg. The finish delivers an invigorating freshness, lifting the rich and decadent flavors into a seamless, lingering crescendo.

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