



2018
NAPA VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

The cherished Napa Valley landscape is planted to 47,000 acres of wine grapes and segmented into 16 district AVA's, each lauded for their unique and diverse terroir. Ranging from cool, coastal influences to warmer temperatures, mountainous terrain to valley floor, clay soil to volcanic rock, the Napa Valley American Viticulture Areas are truly remarkable.

The wines of 1881 Napa honor the rich history, legacy and heritage of this world-famous winegrowing region from its district wines to select wines blended with fruit from across the valley to create the ideal expression of a Napa Valley wine.



ABOUT THE VINTAGE:

2018 was a near picture-perfect growing season that began in late February followed by a mild Spring yielding uniform grape clusters. Temperatures remained moderate to cool throughout the season with 2018 being considered one of the coolest vintages of the past decade. The cooler temperatures allowed for a longer hangtime resulting in an even and temperate harvest maintaining ideal acid levels and balanced concentrated fruit flavors. The grapes were harvested in the cool morning hours to maintain the bright fruit flavors from vineyards on Atlas Peak and Mt. Veeder.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

The 2018 1881 Napa Chardonnay opens with a bouquet of honeycrisp apples intermingled with honey suckle and baking spices. On the palate this rich wine is bursting with flavors of pineapple, mandarin oranges, and crème brûlée with a creamy texture and a long juicy finish.

Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.44

TA: 5.5 g/L

Aging: 14 months in 100% French oak, 21% new