



## 2019 CHARDONNAY

### THE STORY

The LVE Collection by John Legend is the perfect harmony of passion, eloquence and Napa Valley tradition, LVE wines are a unique series of rich, soulful and complex notes inspired by true love, produced in collaboration with Napa Valley's renowned Raymond Vineyards.

Legend Vineyard Exclusive was a dream long in the making. As with his music, John searched for the right collaborator, a vineyard whose pursuit of the perfect blend and standards of excellence equaled his own. With roots deep in the Napa Valley and award-winning wines known for beautiful balance, finesse and power, Raymond Vineyards was the perfect match.

LVE brings together classic elegance, rich complexity and modern soul.

### WINEMAKING

Our Chardonnay comes from two vineyards in Carneros which is a sub AVA of Napa. The first vineyard is on a gentle slope with sandy soils the other is on slightly heavier, clay-based soils. Although the vineyards are only 1.5 miles away from each other, there is a 3 week difference between their harvest dates due to the difference in the soil. The heavier soils allow for a gentle maturation which provides a richer mouthfeel while the sandy, sloped vineyard provides an aromatic lift. Together, the fruit harmonizes to great a well-balanced Chardonnay.

The wine was 100% barrel fermented in a mix of Francois Frere and Baron oak barrels - 38% new - for 8 months before bottling. The wine went through 100% malolactic fermentation with a mix of native and inoculated ferments.

### WINE PROFILE

Our 2019 LVE Chardonnay is full, rich and balanced. The nose boasts aromas of white fruit, star jasmine and mango. Long on the palate, it's reminiscent of caramelized butter and almond with a hint of cardamom and citrus zest.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Carneros (Napa)

Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

Alcohol: 14.5% by vol.

pH: 3.64

TA: 5.3 g/L

Ageing: 8 months in French oak barrels, 38% new