



2017 GENERATIONS NAPA VALLEY CHARDONNAY



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Napa Valley

Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

Alcohol: 14.5% by vol.

pH: 3.61

TA: 5.1 g/L

Fermentation: 100% barrel fermented,
100% malolactic fermentation

Aging: 15 months in 58% new French oak

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for the Generations Chardonnay come from our estate vineyards in Jameson Canyon located at the southern end of Napa Valley and a vineyard over 1,400 feet in elevation in the Atlas Peak appellation. The Jameson Canyon estate 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 2017 vintage was marked by extreme conditions that reduced crop size, starting with abundant winter rainfall and mild spring weather, which led to vigorous vines. The growing season saw three heat spikes, including one over Labor Day weekend that kicked harvest into high gear. The Chardonnay grapes were harvested between September 19th and October 4, 2017.

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 Old Wente and Dijon clones, our 2017 Generations Napa Valley Chardonnay was whole cluster pressed and fermented in French oak barrels with 100% native yeast fermentation and achieved 100% native malolactic fermentation. The wine was then aged for 15 months in 58% new French oak, primarily from cooper's Francois Frere, Baron and Seg Moreau. The wine is aged sur-lie for a creamy texture and broader mouthfeel before being bottled unfiltered.

WINE PROFILE

Our 2017 Generations Chardonnay opens with bright aromas of grapefruit, mango and lemon tart. A rich and creamy palate leads to flavors of warm caramel, nutmeg and a touch of toasted bread. This is a medium to full bodied wine that features a plush mouthfeel, well-balanced, fresh acidity and nicely integrated oak.