

# THE TERRACES

2013 Chardonnay

NAPA VALLEY



Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

Cases: 435

Alcohol: 13.9

Bottled: April 11, 2014

Released: June 1, 2014

Suggested Retail: \$32.00

**Vineyard:** Trefethen Vineyards is located in the Oak Knoll District toward the southern end of the Napa Valley at a relatively low elevation on the valley floor, making it accessible to the climate-moderating effects of the bay. Cooling breezes and coastal fog slow ripening, extending a growing season which can last up to eight months.

**Vintage:** A warm, dry spring brought early bud break, helped with canopy vigor and berry size and created ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set under sunny skies. With the exception of one heat spike in late June/early July, temperatures were consistently in the zone for optimal vine activity, resulting in notably healthy vines as fruit went through veraison and started ripening. Grapes all reach ideal maturity with terrific fall weather.

**Production:** Hand picked and sorted prior to being removed from the stems and slightly crushed. The grapes initially go in one-ton insulated bins with plenty of dry ice, and spend between 20 and 30 hours on their skins to extract flavors. Very gently pressed in a one-ton basket press, the juice is left to settle. A combination of wild and domestic yeasts are used to maximize complexity and varietal characteristics. Fermented at cold temperatures in stainless tanks until almost dry, the wines are moved sur lie to mostly neutral French oak barrels. Stirred every two weeks until bottling the wine develops richness that is balanced by the prevention of malolactic fermentation.

**Tasting Notes:** Light gold in color, with aromas of ripe pear, melon, pineapple, and a touch of ginger and toast. Richness and acidity are nicely balanced with flavors of apricot and baked apples with a hint of vanilla. A lovely alternative style of Chardonnay.

**The Terraces:** 130 years of grape growing and 30 years of winemaking history inspires us to create epic wine of astonishing value. Less than 3500 cases produced each vintage. We encourage you to visit on your next trip to Napa.