

THE TERRACES

2017 Chardonnay

NAPA VALLEY



Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

Cases: 401

Alcohol: 13.9%

Bottled: April 13, 2017

Released: February 1, 2019

Suggested Retail: \$34.00

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: Abundant rainfall broke the long drought, followed by a mild Spring. The rain and cooler temperatures resulted in sleepless nights dealing with frost and extended flowering. The growing season showed tremendous vigor thanks to the abundant Winter rainfall and the growing season progressed uneventfully. Extreme heat over Labor Day weekend, kicked harvest into high gear and thankfully by the start of the Valley fires on October 8th, over 95 percent of our tonnage was in. Although the fires were devastating we were able to continue our work at the winery and have ensured yet another top quality vintage through ongoing rigorous evaluations of our grapes, fermenting wines, and aging wine.

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 lee 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: Pale yellow hue with aromas of yellow apple, D'Anjou pear, pineapple, and a hint of sweet woody vanilla. The palate has bright acidity, with complex flavors of fresh green apple, gooseberries, light toasty oak, and wet stone. The vibrant mouthfeel showcases surprising weight and richness with a lingering finish. Drink now or cellar for 8-10 years.

The Terraces: 130 years of grape growing and 30 years of winemaking history inspires us to create epic wines of astonishing value. We produce less than 3500 cases in total each vintage. We encourage you to visit on your next trip to Napa.