

# THE TERRACES

## 2016 Chardonnay

### NAPA VALLEY



Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

Cases: 490

Alcohol: 13.5%

Bottled: April 14, 2017

Released: December 1, 2017

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:** The mild winter gave way to slightly early bud break, followed by a relatively steady and mild July and August. Thanks to a series of significantly warm days at the end of the growing season, vineyards were able to progress to perfect ripeness just in time for a condensed harvest season. With the Valleys first significant Fall rainstorm arrived on October 14 - the harvest season wrapped up earlier than most.

**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:** Light gold in color, with a fruit basket of aromas including ripe pear, melon, pineapple, baked yellow apple and a hint of sweet vanilla. The palate is medium bodied with bright fruit flavors of pineapple, mango, and melon. Finishes bright and lively, leaving you wanting for more. Drink now to 3-5 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.