

# THE TERRACES

## 2016 Chenin Blanc

### Clarksburg



Varietal:	100% Chenin Blanc
Cases:	490
Alcohol:	12.5%
Bottled:	April 14, 2017
Released:	May 1, 2017
Suggested Retail:	\$25.00
Vineyard:	McCormack Family Vineyard is located in the Clarksburg AVA. They have been farming 600 acres in the Delta region along the Sacramento River for five generations. Fog and cool breezes from San Francisco Bay keep the area quite cool, enabling production of high quality white grape varieties.
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:	Clean and bright with a slight lemon hue, the inviting aromas of underripe stone fruit, crisp asian pear, summer melon and fresh yellow apple invite you in. The palate is light bodied with crisp acidity giving way to subtle fruit flavors of tropical pineapple, passion fruit and orange blossom. Finishes refreshingly crisp, making it the perfect alternative white. 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.