

# THE TERRACES

## 2017 Chenin Blanc

### Clarksburg



Varietal:	100% Chenin Blanc
Cases:	637
Alcohol:	11.26%
Bottled:	April 13, 2018
Released:	May 1, 2018
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:	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:	Clean and bright with a pale straw hue, the delicate aromas of lemon zest, underripe peach, crisp green apple, guava, and orange blossom draw you into the glass. The palate is light bodied with bright acidity dancing across the tongue giving way to a subtle chalky minerality, crisp citrus fruit and dainty honeysuckle. The long dry finish leaves your palate refreshed and eager for another sip. Truly the perfect Summer wine. 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.