

THE TERRACES

2018 Chardonnay

NAPA VALLEY



Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

Cases: 539

Alcohol: 14.4%

Bottled: April 12, 2019

Released: February 1, 2020

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: After a soggy February and March, warm weather brought a slightly later bud break. Flowering occurred under ideal weather conditions, creating bountiful fruit set. The growing season proved to be idyllic with long warm days and cool evenings. To everyone's surprise the vineyard development was uninterrupted by the Valley's typical heat-spikes. The moderate heat extended with gorgeous Fall days allowing for extended hang time in the vineyards allowing complex flavor development without the fear of overripe fruit or rot. The 2018 harvest proved bountiful with production above average for this stellar vintage.

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: Pale yellow hue with aromas of white peach, Asian pear, ripe pineapple, lemon peel, and almond paste. The palate has bright acidity, with complex flavors of fresh green apple, melon, apricot, light toasty oak and hints of vanilla. 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.