

THE TERRACES

2018 Chenin Blanc

Clarksburg



Varietal:	92.9% Chenin Blanc, 7.1% Riesling
Cases:	577
Alcohol:	12.58%
Bottled:	April 12, 2019
Released:	May 1, 2019
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:	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 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 yellow hue and delicate aromas of white blossom, white peach, green pear & hints of wet stone minerality. The palate is exceptionally balanced with bright acidity and a medium body. Flavors of apple, muted tangerine, ripe pineapple, mango and inviting honeysuckle linger on the long finish. The perfect companion for warm summer days and spicy cuisine.
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.