

## 2019 Far Niente Estate Bottled Chardonnay

NAPA VALLEY

## SENSORY EVALUATION

Classically beautiful, the 2019 vintage opens with aromas of honeysuckle, white peach blossom and citrus zest, along with soft accents of vanilla. Silky stone fruit, lemon curd and honeydew flavors flow across the round, full palate, with lightly toasted oak, cool minerality and a lingering citrus note adding texture and depth. From its alluring perfume and pure fruit flavors to the graceful finish, this elegant Napa Valley Chardonnay captivates the senses.



## **VINEYARD NOTES**

Far Niente Chardonnay is a blend of superlative Napa Valley vineyards located in Coombsville, a cool growing region nestled in the rolling countryside and protected by the hills east of the city of Napa. Coombsville offers the characteristic climate of Carneros, with less wind, along with deeper, well-drained gravelly loam and volcanic ash soils. The combination of these spectacular vineyards results in the subtle, tropical flavors, complex aromas and uncommon richness that have long been associated with Far Niente Chardonnay.

## **HARVEST NOTES**

The growing season kicked off with generous, abundant rainfall, which loaded our soils with moisture heading into spring. Cool, mild spring conditions continued after budbreak, followed by light May rains, just enough to keep soils moist without affecting fruit set. Summer was slow and steady, and the moderate weather coupled with the natural groundwater supply allowed for vigorous, healthy vine growth well into late summer. The first signs of veraison occurred in late July followed by a month of steady ripening that was punctuated by a short heat spike in mid-August. We started picking fruit just after the Labor Day holiday, and all of the Chardonnay that came into the winery possessed fresh, mouthwatering acidity and balanced ripeness.

APPELLATION
Napa Valley

VARIETALS
100% Chardonnay

HARVEST DATES

September 5 -October 9, 2019

**FERMENTATION** 85% barrel, 15% tank; No ML AGING

10 months in French oak barrels 45% new, 55% once-used

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