



THE NAPA VALLEY WINE ESTATE
ESTABLISHED 1885



2019 FAR NIENTE ESTATE BOTTLED CHARDONNAY NAPA VALLEY

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.

Appellation

Napa Valley

Harvest Dates

September 5 -
October 9, 2019

Varietals

100% Chardonnay

Fermentation

85% barrel, 15% tank;
No ML

Aging

10 months sur lie
in French oak
(45% new, 55% once-used)

Release Date

Fall 2020

Director of Winemaking

Andrew Delos

Winemaker

Nicole Marchesi

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.

TASTING NOTES

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.