

Angeline

VINEYARDS



2017 CALIFORNIA CHARDONNAY

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Although most of the grape-growing areas of California have the potential to produce a decent Chardonnay, only certain regions have the ability to truly showcase how complex of a varietal it can be. We carefully select vineyards from areas such as Santa Barbara County, the Russian River Valley, and the western reaches of Mendocino County in order to promote the full potential of our Chardonnay's aroma and palate. These coastal regions similarly tend toward uniform daytime temperatures and cool, foggy nights throughout the growing season to help concentrate the flavor as the sugar and acids develop.

VINTAGE NOTES

After several years of drought, California and its growers were delighted to receive record setting rain and a return to normalcy during the winter season. Cooler temperatures offered the vines a longer winter slumber, pushing back budbreak to mid-March, with spring temperatures carrying into May. Heat spikes in early summer led to veraison beginning early July. Hotter than average days brought ripening, but diurnal shifts overnight gave the fruit much needed time to recover. Harvest came abruptly mid-August with lower than average yields, but complex fruit with expressive aromatics.

WINEMAKING

As with all of our Angeline wines, the goal with our California Chardonnay is to over-deliver. Each individual vineyard is hand-picked, and pressed to stainless steel tanks where it is chilled and settled for two to three days. It is then inoculated with carefully chosen yeast, specifically picked to amplify each region's distinct terroir. The juice is racked to 30% new French and American oak barrels to fully complete both primary and secondary fermentation, where it will age sur lie for 6 months.

TASTING

We are thrilled with the outstanding quality this harvest has been boasting in our Chardonnays. This elegant wine offers aromas of fresh granny smith apple, lemon custard tart and subtle wildflower honey. The body is clean with fresh acidity balancing cream with notes of bananas foster, and a touch of vanilla on the finish.

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