

NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

## 2013 GENERATIONS NAPA VALLEY CHARDONNAY



### TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: NAPA VALLEY

VARIETAL: 100% CHARDONNAY

ALCOHOL: 14.5% BY VOL.

PH: 3.67

TA: 4.8 G/L

FERMENTATION: 100% BARREL  
FERMENTED, 100% MALOLACTIC  
FERMENTATION

AGEING: 14 MONTHS IN 75% NEW  
FRENCH OAK; MIX OF PUNCHEONS  
AND REGULAR BARRELS

### IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for the Generations Chardonnay come from our estate vineyards in Jameson Canyon and a select vineyard in the Atlas Peak appellation. The estate vineyards are planted on rolling hills at the southern end of Napa Valley. The growing conditions in the Jameson Canyon are very similar to Carneros, the neighboring appellation just west of the Napa River. Winds flow through Jameson Canyon, carrying in the cooling influence of the nearby Pacific Ocean and providing a long, cool growing season that enhances the intensity of the Chardonnay flavors.

### ABOUT THE VINTAGE

The 2013 vintage in Napa Valley was one of the earliest harvested vintages in years. A warm spring led to early bud break and created the perfect environment for flowering and fruit set. With warm days and cool nights, our team was able to maintain ideal acid levels with optimum, bright fruit flavors..

### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Generations is a tribute to the Raymond family's five generations of winemaking in the Napa Valley. This limited production wine is 100% Chardonnay and the winery's ultimate expression of this varietal.

A mix of specialized Old Wente, Dijon, and a small amount of Musque clones, our 2013 Generations Napa Valley Chardonnay was whole cluster pressed and fermented in French oak barrels with 100% native yeast fermentation and achieved 100% native malolactic fermentation. The wine was then aged for 14 months in 75% new French oak (Francois Frere, Saury and Baron) with 8 months of sur-lie aging for a creamy texture and broader mouthfeel before being bottled unfiltered.

### WINE PROFILE

The 2013 Generations Chardonnay opens with striking floral and citrus aromas that seductively mingle in the glass with bright notes of pineapple and honeysuckle. Creamy on the palate, this rich wine is round and luxurious while displaying nice acidity, great structure and well integrated oak. Enticing flavors of vanilla and spice are harmoniously accented by hints of creamy butter and dried apricot.