



2014 Generations Napa Valley Chardonnay



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Napa Valley

Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

Alcohol: 14.5% by vol.

pH: 3.66

TA: 4.9 g/L

Fermentation: 100% Barrel
Fermented, 100% Malolactic
Fermentation

Ageing: 14 months in 75% new
French oak

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

In spite of the drought and the South Napa earthquake, vintners are using words like “quality,” “depth of flavor” and “excellent” to describe the 2014 vintage in Napa Valley. Many are also noting “perfect weather,” “abundant crop” and “good fortune”. Harvest started and ended earlier than usual. The first grapes for sparkling wine picked on July 30 and nearly all harvest activity was completed by the third week in October – for many, a full two weeks ahead of the normal harvest schedule.

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 and Dijon, our 2014 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) with sur-lie aging for a creamy texture and broader mouthfeel before being bottled unfiltered.

Wine Profile

Our 2014 Generations Chardonnay offers seductive floral aromas with hints of lemon zest and pineapple. Rich and creamy, flavors of apricot, vanilla and soft spices spread across the palate. This rich wine has a rounded, sumptuous mouthfeel with balanced acidity, great structure and well integrated oak.