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BOUCHAINE

NAPA VALLEY ♦ CARNEROS

2016 Chêne d'Argent, Estate Chardonnay



Vineyard

Bouchaine's 100-acre estate vineyard lies on the southern border of Napa Valley's Carneros district, overlooking the San Francisco bay with the financial district in the distance. Fog, wind, and the cold night time temperatures of this unique geographical area lend a distinctive regional identity to our Chardonnay.

Growing Season

2016 delivered an early and exceptional harvest. Rainy, cool weather during bloom naturally reduced our crop level, leaving concentrated clusters. A cool, foggy summer allowed for slow ripening, high acidity, and superb flavor development. With no heat spikes or rush to pick, it was a smooth harvest that delivered top quality fruit.

Vinification

Fermented in stainless steel tanks, there are no additional flavors coming from secondary fermentation, oak influence, or stirring. This minimal winemaker influence has produced a minimalist Chardonnay with beautiful tension and purity of expression.

Tasting Notes

This Chardonnay has had a wardrobe malfunction. It stands naked before us, laid bare without even a hint of oak. Flavors of Asian pear, Gravenstein apple, and Meyer lemons flow across the tangy palate. This wine is a pure expression of the Chardonnay grape, highlighting its grace and freshness. The long finish begs for another sip!

Appellation

Napa Valley, Carneros

Vineyard

Estate Blocks 20, 30

Aging

9 months

Harvest Date

September 20, 2016

Bottling Date

July 13, 2017

Maturation

100% stainless steel

PH

3.4

TA

7.3 g/L

RS

0 g/L

Alcohol

14.2%

Production

490 cases (750ml)

Suggested Retail

\$33

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