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2017 Unoaked 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

2017 delivered much needed rains over winter, and beautiful weather during the growing season, resulting in an exceptional harvest. A cool, foggy summer allowed for slow ripening, high acidity, and superb flavor development.

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

10 months

Harvest Date

September 20, 2017

Bottling Date

July 10, 2018

Maturation

100% stainless steel

PH

3.28

TA

7.5 g/L

RS

0 g/L

Alcohol

13.8%

Production

450 cases (750ml)

Suggested Retail

\$33

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