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# BOUCHAINE

N A P A V A L L E Y ♦ C A R N E R O S

## 2016 Crescendo 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

Our Estate Chardonnay is a blend of 35-year old vines and Dijon plantings from 1996. The age of the vines provides intensity and depth not found in young vineyards. Chardonnay is the ultimate medium for the winemaker's skills and imagination. Bouchaine's winemaking vision calls for the production of more than a dozen different Chardonnay wines from our estate blocks, which are in turn melded into the final Estate Chardonnay.

### Tasting Notes

A rich and succulent expression from the oldest vines on our estate, planted in 1981. Oak from ancient forests in France adds nuance to flavors of juicy apple, nectarine, and lilac. A symphony of flavors in the glass!

**Appellation**  
Napa Valley, Carneros

**Harvest Dates**  
September 15–23, 2016

**PH**  
3.4

**RS**  
0 g/L

**Production**  
3,465 cases (750ml)

**Vineyard**  
Estate

**Bottling Date**  
July 10–13, 2017

**TA**  
6.5 g/L

**Alcohol**  
14.1%

**Suggested Retail**  
\$32

**Aging**  
10 months

**Maturation**  
50% malolactic fermentation;  
90% barrel fermented,  
10% tank fermented,  
17% new French oak