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BOUCHAINE

NAPA VALLEY ♦ CARNEROS

2018 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

2018 delivered a late but incredible harvest. Beautiful weather during bloom allowed for a bounty of exceptional fruit. A cool, foggy summer with no heat events ensured slow even ripening, vibrant 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

8 months

Harvest Date

September 27, 2018

Bottling Date

July 15, 2019

Maturation

100% stainless steel

PH

3.4

TA

6.5 g/L

RS

0 g/L

Alcohol

14.2%

Production

600 cases (750ml)

Suggested Retail

\$33