

# 2018 Palmer Vineyard Chardonnay



## **BLEND**

100% Old Vine Chardonnay; 100% Palmer Vineyard

## **ABOUT OUR PALMER VINEYARD CHARDONNAY**

Just around the corner from our Pompadour vineyard lays a ranch belonging to Ron Palmer. Ron planted Wente clone Chardonnay in 1983 with budwood sourced from Buena Vista. The fruit is as good now as it was then. So good in fact, that when André Tschelistcheff purchased the grapes back in the late 80's he declared them his best Chardonnay. We are proud to release the eighth vintage of this Single Vineyard Chardonnay with grapes from Ron's historic and pedigreed site.

Fermentation was conducted in a range of vessels, mostly neutral oak with just a touch of new, steam bent, French Oak (25%) to support but not overwhelm the fruit. A concrete Egg was utilized on half the volume to impart creaminess. Malo-Lactic fermentation was inhibited to preserve the bright acidity which is this wine's hallmark.

## **TASTING NOTES**

There is purity to this wine that asserts itself as the first delicate notes rise from the glass. Citrus elements in the theme of lemon sorbet dominate, complimented by the delicate fragrance of honeysuckle and jasmine. The palate offers a flinty freshness with notes of grilled pineapple and baked apple. Modest ripeness eliminates any heat on the finish from excess alcohol. Respectful treatment in the cellar allows the varietal character of old vine Chardonnay to enjoy the spotlight. This wine will continue to develop for the next 10 years, but will be exceptionally enjoyable in the next 2-5 year span. Only 93 cases produced.

## **TECHNICAL DATA**

Appellation: Carneros

Alcohol: 13.8%

Harvest brix: 23.1°

Finish pH: 3.39

TA: 0.68g/100ml

## **PRICE**

\$45

