

BROWN ESTATE 2014 NAPA VALLEY CHARDONNAY

Composition 100% Estate Grown Chardonnay

Vineyard Source Far West Vineyard, Brown Estate

Appellation Napa Valley

Fermentation Barrel fermented 25% new French Oak

Alcohol 13.2% by vol.

Production 300 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Vineyard Source

Our chardonnay vineyard is a bona fide outlier, residing at the far northwest corner of our estate property. The soil in this truly wild west vineyard is a dense gray clay, thick enough to pull your shoe off your foot should you venture out when it's damp. At four acres it typically yields a mere two tons maximum per acre. The fruit extracts from the clay soil a terrifically complex minerality that sets the resulting wine apart from typical Napa Valley chardonnay offerings.

Tasting Notes

This wine sparkles in the glass with golden straw at the core surrounded by the crystalline clarity of a precious jewel. Tropical notes predominate with ripe guava, pineapple, Asian pear, and effervescent citrus. Delve deeper for notes of honeysuckle, caramel, and toasted Marcona almond. Light to medium body with ultra-juicy, fleshy texture and a delightful complement of brine shadowed by subtle mineral. Reminiscent of our pre-2007 old world style vintages. Drink now through 2030.