

# BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

## **BROWN ESTATE 2016 NAPA VALLEY CHARDONNAY**

<b>Composition</b>	100% Estate Grown Chardonnay
<b>Vineyard Source</b>	Far West Vineyard, Brown Estate
<b>Appellation</b>	Napa Valley
<b>Fermentation</b>	Barrel fermented 25% new French Oak
<b>Alcohol</b>	14% by vol.
<b>Production</b>	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**

Crystal clear, muted golden straw appearance. Aromatic notes of apricot, peach, ripe pineapple, and toasted coconut lead to nutty hints of almond and chestnut. Fresh bright citrus overlays traces of baked lemon bar, honey, and lightly buttered sourdough toast. Well-balanced finish gives off a hint of oak while creamy mouthfeel holds vibrant acidity. Drink now through 2027.