

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2017 CHARDONNAY

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.

Technical

Composition:	100% Chardonnay
Vineyard source:	Brown Estate
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Barrel aging:	Barrel fermented — 25% new French oak
ABV:	13.2%
pH:	3.7
TA:	5.8 g/L
Production:	250 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Sensory

Eye:	Shiny yellow-gold amber.
Nose:	Peach peel, Fuyu persimmon, flowering white thyme, trumpet flowers, prairie grass, toasted brioche. Time in the glass reveals marshmallow, vanilla bean, and citrus oil.
Palate:	Round mouthfeel punctuated by stony minerality and subtle brine.
Longevity:	Drink now through 2027.