

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2018 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%
pH:	3.74
TA:	6.4 g/L
Production:	300 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Sensory

Eye:	Yellow diamond.
Nose:	Honeysuckle, star jasmine, pineapple upsidedown cake with secondary notes of lychee and candied dried citrus. Hints of lemon verbena, flowering sage mix, pear, and guava, followed by subtle brine.
Palate:	Round, full, silky, and seamless on the palate with ultrafine tannins and a lengthy finish.
Cellar life:	Drink now through 2028.