



PLUMPJACK

WINERY

2020 PLUMPJACK RESERVE CHARDONNAY, NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE

The Napa Valley had very low rainfall heading into the 2020 growing season. Overall, our vines had shorter shoot growth than is typical and our crop was smaller than normal. With a light crop and warmer spring and summer, the Chardonnay harvest got off to an early start. The grapes were quite small and the flavors were very concentrated, and this concentration and depth of flavor was captured in the resulting wine.

FERMENTATION & AGING

Our Reserve Chardonnay was fermented and aged in 64% stainless steel tanks and 36% French oak Burgundy barrels. These fermentations were kept cool – 52 to 55 degrees F – to preserve the fresh fruit aromatics. The use of stainless steel also helps to retain the fresh, varietal character, while the oak adds depth and complexity. We do not allow this wine to undergo malolactic fermentation so that we can preserve the vibrant and lively acid on the palate along with the fresh aromatics.

THE VINEYARDS

Our Chardonnay grapes are grown in two vineyards in the Napa Valley – one in Los Carneros and the other in St. Helena. At just 30 miles apart, Los Carneros can be 10 -15 degrees cooler than St Helena. Due to this difference in temperature along with important differences, such as soil type, these two vineyard sites vary greatly in character and expression. When blended, these differences in expression add layers and layers of flavor to the nose and palate.

WINEMAKER IMPRESSIONS

The nose of the 2020 PlumpJack Chardonnay opens with a range of citrus notes – lemon, orange zest, pomelo, and key lime. Just behind these are the rich tropical notes of lychee and feijoa along with the sweeter, more delicate aromatics of white peach and honeysuckle. Underneath all of this is a hint of toasted hazelnuts and spice. The palate has similar flavors and a creamy texture reminiscent of lemon curd. The vibrant and bright acidity balances the creaminess and gives this wine life. This acidity, along with the beautiful structure, delivers an enduring finish.

VARIETALS/BLEND 100% Chardonnay

PRODUCTION 3,534 cases

ALCOHOL 14.2%

