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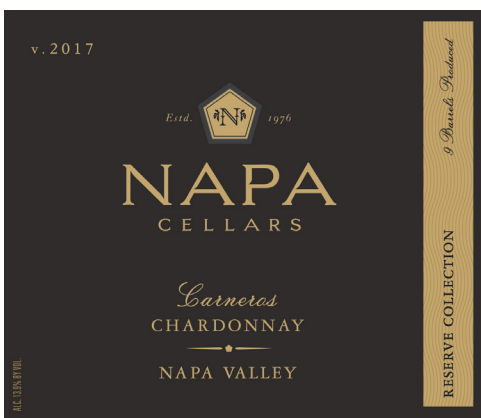
NAPA

CELLARS

Carneros
CHARDONNAY

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NAPA VALLEY

v. 2017



Napa Cellars embodies the classic Napa Valley style—ripe, rich, balanced and collectible. At Napa Cellars we have the great fortune of sourcing the finest fruit from many of Napa Valley's renowned AVAs, assuring every vintage represents the very best of Napa Cellars. Our Reserve Collection wines are limited-production, sub-appellation wines from Napa Valley that pay tribute to the original five acres upon which our winery was founded in 1968. Each wine is 100% varietally true and captures the essence of each appellation from which it hails.

VINEYARD

Grapes for the 2017 Reserve Collection Chardonnay were selected mostly from the Mueller Vineyard in Carneros. Located in the southwestern portion of Napa Valley, this vineyard is a level site with characteristics typical of the region; thin clay soils, frequent wind and significant cloud cover. This vineyard offers ideal conditions for Chardonnay, giving the fruit an extended ripening period and creating greater complexity in the resulting wine.

GROWING SEASON

The 2017 growing season offered superlative growing conditions with abundant rain at the beginning of the year. Harvest brought lower yields with fruit of excellent quality. This wine was fermented in barrel with native yeast and underwent lees stirring. In total, this Chardonnay was aged for 15 months in 37% new French oak.

WINEMAKER NOTES

“This bright, inviting wine showcases aromas of lemon rind, crème fraîche and white peach framed by hints of pear. It is unmistakably Chardonnay, with its refreshing acidity and complex flavors of lemon curd, granny smith apple and white peach with toasted pie crust on the finish. A creamy, supple texture complements the clean, firm, lingering acidity.” —Joe Shirley

APPELLATION: Carneros, Napa Valley

COMPOSITION: 100% Chardonnay

AGING: 15 months, 100% French oak
(37% new)

ALCOHOL: 13.9%

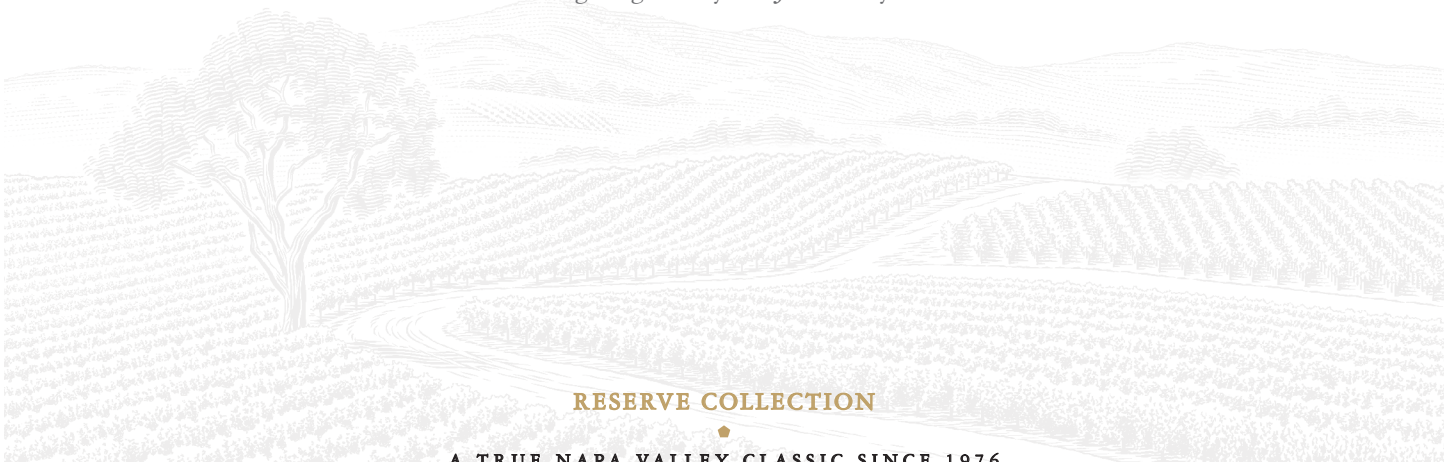
T.A.: 0.53 g / 100ml

PH: 3.38

HARVEST DATE: September 8, 2017

RELEASE DATE: January 2020

CASES: 600 6-packs



RESERVE COLLECTION

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A TRUE NAPA VALLEY CLASSIC SINCE 1976