



2018 Gentleman Farmer Napa Valley Chardonnay

Flavor Profile

The nose is generous with citrus aromas of lemon zest, lime, bitter lemon, and sweet orange blossom with a scent of honeydew melon. Orchard and stone fruit of ripe yellow apple, pear, and juicy peach follow tropical fruits of pineapple and lychee. Secondary aromas of vanilla wafer, clove, and sweet cream are the result of French oak barrel aging, secondary fermentation, and lees stirring.

Style

The wine was fermented in French oak barrels. Half of the barrels were new, contributing notes of clove and baking spice from the caramelized wood sugars. There is a creamy texture to this wine.

Source

Farmed by direct descendants of naturalist and conservationist John Muir, the Muir-Hanna Vineyard is a model of sustainability. The vineyard is Napa Green FFF (Fish Friendly Farming) certified to protect the area waterways and runoffs for the benefit of Coho salmon and steelhead of Northern California, both on the federal Endangered Species List. This attention to fish ecology has immense benefits to the soil and plant health of this vineyard.

Vintage: 2018

Appellation: Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

Cépage: 100% Chardonnay

Vintner: Joe Wołosz

Production: 168 cases

Style: 50% new French oak, all barrel fermentation

Release Date: April 10, 2020

Alcohol: 14.5%