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# BOUCHAINE

NAPA VALLEY ♦ CARNEROS

## 2016 Estate Chardonnay



### Vineyard

Bouchaine's 100-acre estate vineyard lies on the southern border of Napa Valley's Carneros district, overlooking the San Francisco bay with the financial district in the distance. Fog, wind, and the cold night time temperatures of this unique geographical area lend a distinctive regional identity to our Chardonnay.

### Growing Season

2016 delivered an early and exceptional harvest. Rainy, cool weather during bloom naturally reduced our crop level, leaving concentrated clusters. A cool, foggy summer allowed for slow ripening, high acidity, and superb flavor development. With no heat spikes or rush to pick, it was a smooth harvest that delivered top quality fruit.

### Vinification

Our Estate Chardonnay is a blend of 35-year old vines and Dijon plantings from 1996. The age of the vines provides intensity and depth not found in young vineyards. Chardonnay is the ultimate medium for the winemaker's skills and imagination. Bouchaine's winemaking vision calls for the production of more than a dozen different Chardonnay wines from our estate blocks, which are in turn melded into the final Estate Chardonnay.

### Tasting Notes

The orchestration of different yeasts coupled with sur lie aging in stainless steel tanks as well as French oak barrels of different ages, toast levels and origins create an array of unique wines. Only the finest wines are combined in late spring into the vibrant final blend, showcasing the best of our estate. You will find layered, lovely aromas of fuji apple, clementines, kaffir lime and jasmine. A rich, yet tangy palate showcases flavors of nectarine, lemon curd and brioche with a long lip-smacking finish. Pair this with a roast chicken, a thick pork chop or just good friends.

### Appellation

Napa Valley, Carneros

### Vineyard

Estate

### Aging

10 months

### Harvest Dates

September 15–23, 2016

### Bottling Date

July 10, 2017

### Maturation

50% malolactic fermentation;  
90% barrel fermented,  
10% tank fermented,  
15% new French oak

### PH

3.4

### TA

6.5 g/L

### RS

0 g/L

### Alcohol

14.1%

### Production

3,465 cases (750ml)

### Suggested Retail

\$32

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