

# DARMS LANE

*Napa Valley*



## 2017 CHARDONNAY, OAK KNOLL DISTRICT OF NAPA VALLEY

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**VINEYARDS:** The Estate Bon Passe Vineyard and its neighbor the Trefethen Vineyard are both located in the southwestern bench lands of Napa Valley, in the Oak Knoll District.

**APPELLATION:** Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

**GROWING SEASON:** Abundant winter rains leading into the 2017 growing season helped push budbreak to a normal end of March for our Oak Knoll Chardonnay. Fairly mild temperatures throughout much of the growing season with some fairly dramatic heat spikes in August and at Labor Day, pushed the Chardonnay to a slightly riper character while still preserving the underlying freshness of the flavors.

**HARVEST DATE:** Estate Bon Passe September 6th and Trefethen Vineyard September 19th

**VARIETAL:** 100% Chardonnay - 51% Estate Bon Passe Vineyard – 49% Trefethen Vineyard

**WINEMAKER:** Brian Mox

**BARREL AGING:** 11 months in Oak – 23% new: 100% French

**WINEMAKING:** 100% Barrel fermented with native yeast. The wine was aged sur lie and the lees were stirred every 2 weeks for the first 7 months of aging. The wine was 100% ML inoculated and completed.

**TASTING NOTES:** Refreshing and vibrant, our 2017 Chardonnay offers aromas of pear, brioche, Crenshaw melon, vanilla, honeysuckle, toasted oak, and hints of lemon custard. The beautifully balanced pallet exhibits flavors of pear tart, apple, lemon curd, vanilla, and fresh hints of Meyer lemon and orange. The wine has medium body with a pleasant richness leading to crisper, clean citrus fruits through the mid pallet and a lively fresh finish. Enjoy!

**PRODUCTION:** 829 cases

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