

# DARMS LANE

*Napa Valley*



## 2018 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:** Drier winter weather and a warm start to February brought the prospect of an early budbreak and risk of frost as the 2018 season began, but temperatures turning cooler in late February and a wet March pushed the budbreak back to the first week of April. The season progressed with optimal weather during flowering and fruit set in late May and early June. Clear skies and mild temperatures in July and August made for long, even ripening and a quality vintage. A gentle warming trend the second half of September brought the grapes to ripeness under ideal conditions.

**HARVEST DATE:** Estate Bon Passe September 20th and Trefethen Vineyard September 28th

**VARIETAL:** 100% Chardonnay - 54% Estate Bon Passe Vineyard – 46% Trefethen Vineyard

**WINEMAKER:** Brian Mox

**BARREL AGING:** 10 months in Oak – 22% 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. 100% of the wine went through malolactic fermentation.

**TASTING NOTES:** Refreshing and vibrant, our 2018 Chardonnay offers aromas of pear, brioche, vanilla, honeysuckle, toasted oak, and hints of lemon curd. The beautifully balanced palate exhibits flavors of pear, apple, vanilla, and fresh hints of Meyer lemon and tart orange as well as a touch of white peach. The wine has medium body with a subtle richness leading to crisper, clean citrus and stone fruits through the mid palate and a lively fresh finish. Enjoy!

**PRODUCTION:** 1001 cases

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