



## 2016 Truffle Hill Chardonnay



Varietal: 100% Chardonnay Clones: 44, 76, 94, 95, 96 & 108 Fermentation: 95% French oak & 5% Stainless steel Alcohol: 13.7% Aging: 80% neutral French oak, and 20% new French oak Time Aged: 8 months Harvested Date: 9/25/2016 Brix at harvest: 23.0 Finished TA: 6.7 g/l Finished pH: 3.54 Case Production: 1401 cases, 750ml

**Winemaker's Tasting Notes:** Crisp and bright, flinty with golden apples, pear, spice, figs and cream on a refreshing frame.

Our Truffle Hill Chardonnay seeks balance. The Dijon clone is a softer and more delicate expression of chardonnay that requires greater care with the use of oak. We ferment and age in 95% French oak, but use larger puncheon barrels and only 20% new oak. These decisions help to lessen the impact of the oak, without robbing the wine of the pleasant characteristics derived from the use of oak. The result is a clean, fruit forward chardonnay with subtle hints of cream and a lingering finish.

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