

# 2017 DUCKHORN VINEYARDS NAPA VALLEY CHARDONNAY

*An instant classic, this Chardonnay balances the complexity and richness of Napa Valley.*



**Composition:** 100% Chardonnay

**Market Trends/Opportunity:** Chardonnay \$25+ SRP category is +8% vs. PY.

**Winemaker:** Renee Ary

**Availability:** National

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**SRP:** \$36

**Winemaking/Sourcing:** Our Napa Valley Chardonnay comes from the coolest regions. In the cellar, we applied classic techniques of French Oak barrel fermentation with lees stirring, resulting in a Chardonnay that balances the complexity and richness of Napa Valley. Grapes are a combination of Wente and Burgundian clones.

**Tasting Notes:** The fantastic 2017 growing season yielded an intense and complex expression of Napa Valley Chardonnay, with alluring aromas of nectarine, yellow plum, pineapple upside-down cake and sweet spices. On the palate, zesty acidity and an underlying silkiness add depth and nuance, with French oak-inspired hints of vanilla, sweet dough and clove framing the generous fruit.

**Key Accolades:** v16 93 Pts., *Wine & Spirits*. v15 91 Pts., *Wine Enthusiast*. v14 91 Pts., *Wine Enthusiast*. v14 90 Pts., *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*. v13 90 Pts., *Wine Enthusiast*.

**Recommended Pairings:** Lobster, fish, shrimp, chicken and pork, butter and cream sauces, avocado and squash.

**UPC:** 669576 02054 8

**SCC/Case Code:** 20 669576 02054 2

**TTB Approval:** 15147-001-000700

**Marquee Accounts:** The Breakers, Lahaina Grill, Houston's, Emeril's Delmonico, Elway's, The Park Steakhouse, Donovan's Steak & Chop House.

**Alcohol:** 14.1%

**Formats Available:** 375ml, 750ml