



**POSEIDON VINEYARD • 2017**

## Estate Chardonnay

Carneros, Napa Valley

**TASTING NOTES:** Initially shy, the aromas of this Chardonnay blossom into pear and nectarine, supported by hints of fall spices and a touch of linoleum resin. Those same stone fruits are echoed on the palate, with a squeeze of lime and a touch of toasted brioche. A fine-grained acidity provides a counterpoint to the summer-ripe fruit, leaving a medium-long finish.

**HISTORY:** Poseidon Vineyard, located at the confluence of Carneros Creek and the Napa River, was planted in 1973 by the Molnar Family to the Burgundian varietals: Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. The maritime environment of the Carneros grape-growing season delivers cool, foggy mornings followed by warm days that slowly nurture ripening.

**VINTAGE 2017:** Northern California continued to recover from the drought, and the year began with abundant rainfall and mild spring weather. The rejuvenated vines produced a beautiful crop. Summer temperatures were normal and harvest began slightly early and slowly. On October 8th, terrible wildfires erupted in Napa and Sonoma Counties. We were fortunate that we had already completed the Chardonnay and Pinot Noir harvest from Poseidon Vineyard. Obsidian Ridge Vineyard was well north of the fire and smoke and was totally unaffected. It was a year in which the attentive winemaker, one familiar with his vineyards and with a committed and reliable crew, was rewarded.

**WINEMAKING:** The fruit was pressed whole-cluster in small batches and barrel-fermented in a cold cellar. Malolactic fermentation was long and allowed us to stir the lees for an extended period of time, boosting the smooth, elegant texture. Malolactic fermentation also helps to manage the high natural acidity of the fruit. The spice that results from using 100% Kádár Tokaj oak has made for a rich yet vibrant Chardonnay.

*Alex Beloz, Winemaker*

### WINE

**Blend**

100% Chardonnay

**Cooperage**

8 Months in 25% New,  
Medium Toast Plus  
Kádár Hungary Barrels

**Chemistry**

pH: 3.49  
TA: 5.6 g/L  
Alcohol: 14.4%

### VINEYARD

**Elevation**

Sea Level to 45'

**Clones**

UCD 4

**Year Planted**

1973; Replanted in 1997

**Vine Spacing**

4' x 11'

**Yield**

4.2 Tons/Acre

**Harvest Date**

Sept 12, 2017–Sept 22, 2017