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VINEYARDS & WINERY  
*Rooted in Oakville*

**2015 CHARDONNAY**  
**HILLVIEW VINEYARD • NAPA VALLEY**

**Vintage:** 2015 was yet another in a line of great vintages. In terms of vintage character, it was largely defined by how early it was. Due to a very mild winter, bud break happened several weeks earlier than average which led to an early harvest: we were done before the end of September. The weather was very moderate during the majority of the growing season with a series of heat spikes post-veraison. That late season heat really got the flavors moving, pushing everything to nice full ripeness. We saw generally lighter yields in 2015, but that was no surprise after three large vintages. Cameron Parry, Director of Winegrowing

**Harvest:** Our Chardonnay is made entirely from grapes grown in our Hillview Vineyards located in the Oak Knoll District AVA and planted in 1996. The fruit from this cooler vineyard site provides the tropical fruit, citrus, and mineral notes that complement food nicely.

**Winemaking:** We whole cluster pressed 85% of the Chardonnay fruit, giving us juice with incredible delicate fruit flavors and softness. The remaining fruit was destemmed prior to pressing, yielding juice with a bigger structure and rich aromatics. After pressing and cold settling, the juice was transferred to French oak barrels, 25% new, for fermentation and aging. After eight months of aging “sur lie”, the wine was racked off the yeast lees, blended, and finished for bottling.

**Winemaker Tasting notes:** The goal of any wine is to represent a time and a place. This Hillview Vineyard Chardonnay shows big flavors of sweet peach and citrus that showcase the ripening power of the 2015 vintage. Those flavors run in concert with exotic tropical notes of starfruit and lychee along with a minerality that so often exemplify white wines from the Oak Knoll area. This combination of vintage and location has resulted in a wine that is both rich and lively, with an exceptional balance in all aspects. Cameron Parry, Director of Winegrowing

**Key Points**

- Napa Valley
- Estate vineyard fruit - 100% Hillview Vineyard
- 100% Chardonnay
- August 25-31, 2015
- Barrel fermented
- No Malolactic Fermentation
- Aged sur lie in French oak barrels for eight months, 25% new oak

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