

# 2016 JAX Y3 CHARDONNAY

JAX VINEYARDS, NAPA VALLEY Bright yet complex, this chardonnay aromatically kicks off lovely elements of fresh floral fruit, white peach and succulent tropical fruit. Sourced from the cooler climate vineyards of Carneros, this Chardonnay reveals a crisp, mineral driven mouthfeel underscored by lovely layers of peach, pear and brilliant texture.

## THE STORY BEHIND THIS WINE

Y3. Or as you may ask, why not? After all, the beauty of this wine runs far deeper than the label. Celebrating three generations of land-tilling, wine-loving Jackson's, siblings Kimberly and Trent are proud to present Y3, a wine as special as the memories of their grandparents at Yarrayne Ranch.

In our humble wine-obsessed opinion, many Napa Valley Chardonnays tend to be over-styled with excessive butter and oak. But as the Jackson siblings know (through lots of "tasting"), an outstanding Chardonnay owes its success to outstanding fruit, not a heavy style. We think you'll agree.

## VINTAGE NOTES

2016 offered another near-perfect vintage in Napa Valley. While much-needed rain replenished our reservoirs, a dry spring and summer, with moderate temperatures resulted in a slightly early harvest. This is a high-quality vintage resulting in smaller yields due to cool, rainy weather at flowering. The fruit was handpicked at night and sorted in the vineyard.

Our Chardonnay grapes come from a single vineyard in Carneros that is influenced by the cooling effect of the Pacific Ocean allowing for a long growing season. The grapes are fermented in French concrete tanks and aged in barrels 3+ years old. Fermenting Chardonnay in concrete like in Chablis enhances the aromatics of the varietal, increases the mineral characteristics and allows the flavor of the vineyard to be the star.

## SPECIFICATIONS

### PROPRIETORS

Kimberly Jackson,  
Trent Jackson,  
& Dan Parrott

### WINEMAKER

Kirk Venge

### BLEND COMPOSITION

100% Chardonnay

### CASES PRODUCED

2700 Cases

### APPELLATION

Napa Valley

### ALCOHOL

13.5%

