



2018 Mahoney Vineyards Gavin Vineyard Chardonnay

2018 Vintage Highlights

The 2018 growing season was abnormally long. The absence of prolonged heat waves in the summer gave the ample fruit on the vines plenty of time to mature. The bountiful crop had evenly ripened, clean clusters that were packed with flavor intensity.

Wine Description

The Gavin Vineyard is comprised of two small blocks on the Napa side of the Carneros Appellation. These vines produce low yields of fruit and wines with concentrated flavors. We harvested into small bins and went directly to the press with whole clusters to minimize handling. A regime of gentle pressing, a short settling period, and barrel fermentation with a wide array of yeasts, helped to create complexity while preserving the inherent character of the fruit. Extended sur-lies aging added richness and toast flavors to the wine, while helping to integrate the french oak notes with the fruit. The result is a bold and complex wine with forward citrus and granny smith apple notes layered with yeasty toast and soft touch of sweet oak in the finish.

Blend: 100% Chardonnay grown at the Gavin Vineyard in the Carneros Appellation of Napa

Fruit at Harvest:

Picking Dates: Sept. 5-10, 2018
Brix (average): 26.12°
T.A.: 6.71 g/L
pH: 3.58

Fermented at: 50° - 60° F

Cellar Aging:

9 months sur-lies in French oak

Finished Wine:

Alcohol: 13.93%
T.A.: 6.8 g/L
pH: 3.55

