



## **2016 Scale Chardonnay, Haynes Vineyard Coombsville**

### The Wine:

This vineyard has plantings dating back to the mid-1960's and has been home to many world-class wines over the years and this one is no exception. Coombsville is one of the coolest literally & figuratively; sub-appellations in Napa Valley. These factors help to produce elegant, age-worthy Chardonnay with a balanced acidity and a defined structure.

The clones from this vineyard are original Wente and help to produce a soulful wine with intense depth. There is defined grip and texture that is indicative of the clone and vintage. The grapes were grown organically and fruit size was normal compared to the previous vintage. We use indigenous yeast for a natural fermentation, no secondary malolactic fermentation was used, The wine was barrel aged in neutral french oak to add depth and rounded textures to the mouthfeel; and was done sur lie, and less than 20% new oak.

### Tasting Notes:

A compelling nose of yellow guava, crispy pears, and Meyer lemon with hints of hyacinth and jasmine as well; that also become very present on the palate in waves with constant backbone of inherent minerality. The finish is extremely textural, vibrant and juicy with incredible length.

### Winemaking & Farming:

We make modern wines using traditional methods – completely by hand. The grapes were farmed organically, we used native yeast for fermentation. We chose no secondary malolactic fermentation to ensure purity of fruit. The vessels used were all french oak only 17% new. The use of sulfur was minimal. This all speaks to our philosophy of minimal intervention and letting the fruit from the vineyard shine through as we guide its journey into bottle. This is a balanced wine that can age as well as be enjoyed in its youth. This wine was bottled unfined and unfiltered.

### Technical Data:

Appellation	Haynes Vineyard Coombsville
Varietal	Chardonnay- Wente Clone
Alcohol	14.3%
Harvest	September, 2016
Fermentation	Primary no malolactic
Release Date	Fall 2017
Production	150 Cases