

# FLORA SPRINGS



## 2019 FAMILY SELECT CHARDONNAY NAPA VALLEY

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Our 2019 Family Select Chardonnay comes from southern Napa Valley in an area ideal for growing Chardonnay, with cool morning fog and breezes to retain acidity and warm, sunny afternoons to guarantee ripeness. The wine exhibits juicy fruit – tropical pineapple, nectarine and Red Delicious apple – and lovely notes of toasted almond, coconut and brown sugar. Fermented and aged in small oak barrels - primarily French – the wine has a creamy, mouth coating texture from twice-a-week lees stirring and a luscious butter component from 45% malolactic fermentation. This irresistible Napa Valley Chardonnay is a great match for scallops with a lemon-butter sauce, crab cakes, oven roasted chicken or fettuccine Alfredo.

### ALL THE FACTS

**Appellation:** *Napa Valley*

**Varietal:** *100% Chardonnay*

**Cases Produced:** *1400*

**Aging:** *10 months in 100% French oak barrels (50% new)*

**Suggested Retail Price:** *\$36*

**Enjoyability:** *Drink now through 2030 for optimal enjoyment.*

### ON THE VINE

The early part of the 2019 growing season was defined by heavy rainfall which replenished reservoirs and gave the soils plenty of moisture. A long, warm summer featured few extreme heat events, and the typically foggy mornings set the stage for vibrant and expressive wines. Harvest was long and relatively mild, helping to preserve freshness and finesse in the fruit with extended hang time teasing out great color, structure and soft tannins. Crop volume was average to a little less than average. In the end, it was another amazing vintage yielding exceptional fruit with bright acidity and ample flavor and texture.