

# CUVAISON

Napa Valley, Los Carneros

## 2016 Chardonnay

ESTATE GROWN  
EST. 1969

### IN THE VINEYARD

The 2016 season was on pace to be the earliest vintage ever at our Los Carneros estate, continuing a streak of early harvests. However, by mid-July Mother Nature gave us several weeks of cooler than normal weather which moved the vintage back to a normal date range. The overall weather was steady through harvest with some October rains at the close. The wines, though less muscular than the 2015's, display more weight and opulence and are a bit more precocious. These are wines with fine aromatics and a plush mouthfeel.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

“The 2016 Estate Chardonnay is brimming with stone fruit, white blossoms and lovely notes of vanilla and clove. A gorgeous vintage in Napa Valley, the wine is quite opulent, with a plush texture buoyed by white peach and honeysuckle notes. Despite its apparent richness, the wine has the trademark focus and lingering finish that our Los Carneros estate is prized for.”

- Steve Rogstad, Winemaker

### WINEMAKING

#### HARVEST

Date: Aug. 26th - Sept. 23rd

#### FERMENTATION & AGING

Fermentation: 25 - 38 days

Aging: 14 months in French oak barrels (20% new)

ML: 60%

#### WINE

Alcohol: 14.1%

Acid: 6.8 g/L

pH: 3.51

100% Chardonnay

100% Estate Grown

100% Napa Valley, Los Carneros

100% 2016



For decades, Cuvaison has made estate grown wines from our renowned vineyard in the cool Los Carneros region of Napa Valley. This unique and expansive vineyard is planted on some of the region's most coveted land, offering a unique combination of rootstock, clone, soil type and exposure. With almost 40 years experience farming our estate, our team has developed an intimate block-by-block approach to cultivating this special vineyard, resulting in an amazing palette of fruit for crafting our estate grown wines.