



HILL FAMILY  
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## 2017 Reserve Chardonnay

**Production:** 293 cases

**Composition:** 98% Chardonnay and 2% Semillon

**Vineyards:** Napa Golf Associates, Mahoney, Watson and Windy Flats

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Elevation:** Foothills about 500 ft, and rolling hills

**Cooperage:** 80% new barrels (Francois Freres 3 year and Vosges, Remond Vosges, Nadalier Perle Blanche)

**Alcohol:** 13.8%, TA 0.6, pH 3.53

**Bottling date:** August 20, 2018

**Release date:** December 2020

**Release price:** \$65.00

The 2017 Hill Family Estate Reserve Chardonnay is a graceful elegant wine showing both its cool climate pedigree and the advantage that great sites have on Chardonnay. The wine was barrel fermented with Montrachet yeast and then aged in French oak barrels for 8 months, going through malolactic with no problems, and continuing with battonage every 2 weeks to increase depth and texture. It was then racked to stainless steel barrels for 2 months before bottling.

### **Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:**

The 2017 Reserve Chardonnay presents aromas of nectarine, pineapple a hint of vanilla and toasted hazelnuts. The entry develops into flavors of peach jam on buttery pastry supported with a rich midpalate. The finish has a rich balance in the center and finishes with a mature satiny texture.