

# 2016

## Lake County Chardonnay

### Wedge Block

Harvest Date: October 3 & 5, 2016

Bottling Date: August 3, 2017

Avg. Harvest Brix: 24.8

Alcohol: 14.4%

Avg. Harvest Acid: 4.1 g/l

Residual Sugar: 0.45%

Avg. Harvest pH: 3.83

Bottling pH: 3.63

The Wedge Block vineyard, named for its pie shaped geometry, is located between Kelsey Creek and Soda Bay Road. The vineyard is certified organically farmed by David Weiss. The vineyard was planted in 2007 with Chardonnay clones 17, aka Robert Young, and 96. The clones were selected for their limited production of quality Chardonnay.

The 2016 vintage was a long growing and late harvest season in the North Coast that produced a clean and concentrated harvest. The grapes were hand harvested and then whole cluster pressed with a yield of 140 gallons per ton. The juice was cold settled overnight, racked, and then split 50/50 between barrel fermentation and stainless fermentation options. After the primary fermentation, the barreled wine was inoculated for a second, malo-lactic fermentation and aged on its lees for nearly nine months. The stainless steel option remained in tank until blending and bottling. Total production was 898 cases.

**Description:** The more tempered conditions we experienced this vintage produced a wonderfully full-bodied Chardonnay. The bright aromas are of fresh peach and mango with a slight flinty note, and the rich flavors are of white peach and caramel with a long finish.

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