

# DARMS LANE

*Napa Valley*



## 2013 Chardonnay, Napa Valley

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**VineyardS:** The Estate Bon Passe Vineyard and its neighbor the Trefethen Vineyard are both located in the southwestern bench lands of Napa Valley, in the Oak Knoll District.

**Appellation:** Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley

**Growing Season:** The 2013 vintage for Chardonnay was nearly ideal with a dry slightly warmer spring leading to bud break that was earlier than recent vintages. The temperatures were near to slightly above normal for most of the growing season leading to steady development of the fruit. A short heat spell near the beginning of July pushed the fruit along to an earlier than normal harvest. The season really set up the vineyards to be picked at ideal ripeness.

**Harvest Date:** Estate Bon Passe September 9 and Trefethen Vineyard September 20

**Varietal:** 100% Chardonnay - 65% Estate Bon Passe Vineyard – 35% Trefethen Vineyard

**Winemaker:** Brian Mox

**Barrel Aging:** 10 months in Oak – 20% new: 100% French

**Winemaking:** 100% Barrel fermented with native yeast. The wine was aged sur lie and the lees were stirred every 2 weeks for the first 6 months of aging. The wine was 100% ML inoculated and completed.

**Tasting Notes:** Subtle and nuanced, our 2013 Chardonnay offers aromas of Asian pear, brioche with hints of caramelized apple and fig. The rich yet balanced palate presents more pear and apple flavors. Moderate acidity and a good mouthfeel, our 2013 is round, soft with excellent texture that should pair nicely with food especially cream dishes. Enjoy!

**Production:** 800 cases