



HILL FAMILY  
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## 2018 Reserve Chardonnay

**Production:** 300 cases

**Composition:** 94% Chardonnay, 3% Semillon and 3% Viognier

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

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

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

**Cooperage:** 75% new barrels (Francois Freres 3 year and Vosges, Remond Vosges, Nadalier Perle Blanche)

**Alcohol:** 14.5%, TA 0.66, pH 3.53

**Bottling date:** August 28, 2019

**Release date:** December 2021

**Release price:** \$65.00

The 2018 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 2018 Reserve Chardonnay presents aromas of buttery, cinnamon toast and preserved lemon. The entry develops into flavors of lemon curd and broad toasty oak flavors with a rich midpalate. The finish has a rich balance in the center and finishes with a mature satiny texture.