



Bonterra

ORGANIC VINEYARDS



At Bonterra, we grow wine organically and sustainably, treating the land with deep respect. We plant native flowers around our grapes to attract beneficial bugs, and welcome songbirds and chickens into our vineyards to eat up pests. We even employ sheep to mow between the vines. In our vineyards, every living thing is connected and we all work together to create pure, flavorful wine.

2017 CHARDONNAY

California

Crafted From Certified Organically Grown Grapes

NOTES FROM WINEMAKER JEFF CICHOCKI

Our organic Chardonnay grapes offer lively flavors of green apples, pears and citrus to our Chardonnay. We ferment 70% of the juice in a combination of French and American oak, then allow this portion to undergo malolactic fermentation to create a rich, creamy wine with just a touch of oak spice. The remaining 30% is fermented in stainless steel to preserve the fruit's fresh, crisp flavors. We age most of the wine using previously used or neutral oak in order for these fresh fruit characteristics to shine through. New oak was used for just 15% of the wine, lending this Chardonnay a nice vanilla note.

An initial impression of rich, buttery cream quickly turns to aromas of honey and lightly toasted almonds, followed by richer notes of pineapple, citrusy lemon and crème brûlée. The wine is refreshing on the palate, with a minerality that is both bright and clean. The lasting impression is of lemon zest and vibrant tartness that is hallmark Bonterra Chardonnay, vintage after vintage.

Jeff Cichocki JEFF CICHOCKI, WINEMAKER

BY THE NUMBERS:

TOTAL ACIDITY: .64 GRAMS/100mL pH: 3.47

RESIDUAL SUGAR: .20 GRAMS/100mL ALCOHOL: 13.5%

