



SCHWEIGER VINEYARDS
Spring Mountain | Napa Valley

Estate Bottled
CA Bonded Winery 5784

2015 Chardonnay

VARIETAL PERCENTAGE: 100% Chardonnay

AGE OF VINES AND SOIL TYPE: 17–31 year old vines planted in deep volcanic soils at a 2000' elevation.

DATE PICKED 9/9/15

AVERAGE HARVEST SUGAR: 26.6 degrees Brix

FERMENTATION TIME/TEMPERATURE RANGE: 53 days, 53–61°F.

FERMENTATION CONTAINER/AGING: Barrel fermented, 20% new French oak and 80% one to three year old French Oak. No malolactic fermentation. Aged on surlies for 4 months, stirred by hand twice a week.

ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING:

Alcohol: **13.9%** pH: **3.63** TA: **6.09 g/L** V.A.: **0.27 g/L** R.S: **Dry**

BOTTLED: May 2016

CASES PRODUCED: 505

WINEMAKER: Andrew T. Schweiger

VINTAGE AND WINEMAKER'S NOTES: *We strive to strike a balance between fruitiness and complexity in our wines. Our goal is to always express the fruit of our vineyard first; why work hard in the vineyard only to mask the true beauty with cellar practices. The unique Spring Mountain District terroir produces Chardonnay fruit unlike anywhere else in the Napa Valley: aromas of white peach, nectarine and a distinctive flintiness. Once harvested, we selectively use the tools we have at our disposal as winemakers to shape and complement the wine; surlies aging, and French oak cooperage, both new and old. Our 2015 Chardonnay is a full bodied wine with true varietal characteristics, hints of pear, kiwi, citrus, and apricots, and delicate undertones of oak and tropical fruits. The body of the wine is rich and supple, filling the mouth with flavors. The true nature of Spring Mountain Chardonnay comes through in the mineral character, more reminiscent of a classic Mersault than your typical California Chardonnay. This wine is best served between 58 °F and 65 °F.*

