TOBIAS

Napa Valley

2018

TOBIAS VINEYARDS

Blue Oaks Vineyard Chardonnay

Vintage Notes

Produced from our estate, Blue Oaks Chardonnay Vineyard in the Potter Valley AVA of Mendocino, the season and location is ideal for the Chardonnay. In 2018, the season was blissfully uneventful. Mild temperatures lead to a extended flowering while steady temperatures continued into a slow,steady harvest. For another year, we were fortunate to harvest perfectly golden, ripe, rich, Chardonnay. Winemaker, Toby Forman, like his father and mentor, Ric Forman, strives to make each vintage cohesive in style but continually pushes to improve the quality of the wine through hands-on farming.

Winemaker Notes

An ideal harvest, ripe and rich golden fruit, and small lot fermentation, the wine went into barrel. To achieve balance, preserve minerality and brightness, the Chardonnay underwent 35% malolactic fermentation, before bottling. Upon opening, crisp notes of toasted brioche, apple tart, ripe citrus, and hints of butterscotch hint the nose. With a rich, velvet, mouthfeel, Chardonnay on the palate, classic baked apple, ripe stone fruit, and butterscotch with firm acidity slightly softened by lightly mild caramel notes. A food friendly wine, it is bright, round and rich, yet still refined perfect with a firm white fish or summer pasta.

Varietal:	100% Chardonnay Blue Oaks Estate Vineyards
Production:	1000 cases
Appellations:	Mendocino
Barrel Aging:	1 year, 6 months in 45% new French Oak, 6 months 10% French Oak
Alcohol:	13.9%
Retail Price:	$ 25

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