



## **Alexander Valley Chardonnay**

*Winemaking Notes*

We handpicked our Chardonnay early in the morning to preserve the fruit's integrity. The cold temperature of the fruit picked early in the morning helps to settle the juice. The whole clusters were delivered to our bladder press for gentle pressing. The juice was moved to stainless steel tanks for settling and clarification. After three days, it was racked off the lees to barrels where fermentation was initiated with a yeast that complemented our fruit. Once primary fermentation was completed, secondary fermentation began until it reached 85% malolactic fermentation conversion, providing the richness and depth that are hallmarks of our Chardonnay. We kept 15% of our native Malic acid to preserve acidity. Aged *sur lie* in 100% French oak, the barrels were periodically stirred to develop a creamy texture and exotic flavors. After 15 months, the wine was racked from barrels to tanks for the final blend assemblage.

### **2018 Robert Young Estate Winery Alexander Valley Chardonnay**

#### *Tasting Notes*

*Aromatics:* Aromas of butterscotch, pineapple, and vanilla bean.  
*Body/Texture:* Medium to Full bodied, beautifully balanced with a fine acid finish.  
*Flavor Profile:* Rich tropical notes of ripe pineapple and banana, with vanilla bean and creamy butterscotch.

#### *Technical Data*

*Appellation:* Alexander Valley  
*Varietal:* 100% Chardonnay  
*Oak aging:* 15 months in 100% French oak; 35% new  
*Alcohol:* 14.1%  
*Production:* 56 Barrels produced

### **2016 Robert Young Estate Winery Alexander Valley Chardonnay (Library)**

#### *Tasting Notes*

*Aromatics:* Aromas of butterscotch, caramel, honeysuckle, and white peach.  
*Body/Texture:* Mouth-coating and supple, medium bodied with a long finish and lingering acidity.  
*Flavor Profile:* Aromas are echoed in the flavor profile as well as yellow apple and roasted pear.

#### *Technical Data*

*Appellation:* Alexander Valley  
*Varietal:* 100% Chardonnay  
*Oak aging:* 15 months in 100% French oak; 40% new  
*Alcohol:* 14.2%  
*Production:* 66 Barrels produced