

Raymond Vineyards, 'R Collection', California, Chardonnay 2019



Bright aromas of pear, pineapple and tropical fruit are followed by creamy notes of vanilla and honeysuckle, rich and smooth.

Producer Note

Raymond Vineyards, founded in 1970, is one of the Napa Valley's pioneering estates. The Raymond family arrived in Napa in 1933 and have become deeply connected to the valley's winemaking origins. In 1970, they established a 36 hectare estate in Rutherford, which now comprises 121 hectares in Rutherford, St. Helena and Jameson Canyon. Raymond's Rutherford and St. Helena estate vineyards are certified organic and biodynamic; and 100% of the winery's power comes from renewable solar energy. Five generations of the Raymond family have created a Napa icon, with an enduring reputation for elegant wines with a beautiful balance of finesse, opulence and complexity.

Vintage

Rain during the early part of the growing season increased mildew pressure in the vineyard, however, the summer warmed up and the mildew threat dried up. The weather provided excellent conditions for the 2019 harvest in California. The summer was relatively mild and the warm, with the warm, dry weather continuing into the autumn and creating perfect conditions for harvest. Overall, yields were slightly lower than the 2018 bumper crop, but the fruit created beautifully balanced wines with bright expression.

Vineyard

Sourced from the finest North and Central Coast vineyards throughout California, with each area adding a unique layer into the overall taste profile.

Winemaking

Minimal intervention winemaking techniques were used to allow the true Californian terroir to shine through. Primarily fermented in stainless steel tanks to preserve the freshness and varietal characteristics of the Chardonnay grape, a small proportion was fermented in oak to add subtle complexity. It underwent partial malolactic conversion which developed a creamy texture, while retaining balancing acidity.

Tasting Note

The fresh, floral nose opens with bright citrus notes complemented by a touch of honeysuckle. Crisp, with tangy citrus notes on the exquisitely balanced palate, this creamy wine is smooth on the finish.

Grape

Chardonnay 98%, Viognier 2%



Winemaker:	Stephanie Putman
Region:	California
Sub region:	California
Country:	USA
Alcohol:	13.5%
Dry/Sweet value:	2 (1 is dry, 7 is very sweet)
Residual Sugar:	2.5
Contains Sulphites:	Yes
Vegetarian/Vegan:	No/No
Milk/Eggs:	No/No
Organic/Biodynamic	No/No
Product Code:	55255191
Case unit of measure:	12X75CL
Formats Available:	75cl
Closure:	Twintop