



## 2018 Chenin Blanc Estate Grown Betty's Vineyard St. Helena, Napa Valley

### Varietal Composition:

100% Chenin blanc

### Appellation:

St. Helena, Napa Valley

### Harvest Date:

Sept. 12th & Sept. 24th

### Harvest Brix:

21.7°B & 24.1°B

### Barrel aging:

100% Stainless Steel Ageing

### Finished Alcohol:

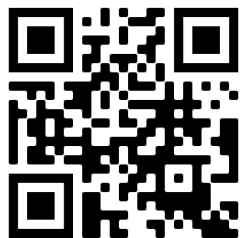
13.9%

### pH:

3.10

### Titratable acidity:

7.6 g/L



### Tasting Notes:

Betty Ballentine tasted the 2018 Chenin Blanc and declared it "Delicious! Nice and fresh." This wine is refreshing with tropical notes of guava and passionfruit, followed by bright citrus and a nutty finish. It has aromas of citrus, pears, honeysuckle, rosemary, almond, lime zest, and orange peel. We make this wine crisp, clean, fruit forward, and it is a great palate cleanser. The structure is full and silky with a crisp finish. This Chenin Blanc has a very fruity nature to it, but is absolutely made in a dry style which allows the finish to linger with clean citrus and floral flavors.



### Winemaking Notes:

Our Chenin Blanc grapes are whole cluster pressed, only using the free run portion of the juice. The juice is fermented in Stainless Steel at between 46°F- 60°F. This wine did not undergo malolactic fermentation. The wine was bottled in February of 2019.

### Vineyard Notes:

The grapes in our Chenin Blanc come from the vineyard surrounding the winery. Our original Chenin Blanc was planted in the early 1970s. We have been producing a varietal Chenin Blanc from our estate vineyards since the 2002 vintage, and are proud to be a part of the revival of this truly Noble variety. This vintage was picked later than usual because of a late start to the season. The growing season was ideal and we are happy to include our first harvest of a new block of Chenin Blanc (planted in 2016). This block ripened quickly since it had very little fruit on it in its first year to harvest and our winemaking team picked the fruit themselves early in the morning before beginning the fermentation later in the day.