
TATE

2018 CHARDONNAY SPRING STREET, NAPA VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

The 2018 Spring Street Chardonnay is brighter gold than previous years. The aromatics jump out of the bottle the moment the cork is pulled. Fresh pear, passionfruit and jasmine are immediate, while the soapstone minerality that this wine has every year is underpinning. The palate is richer with a slight creaminess around the stone fruit that persists on the finish. There is balanced acidity to refresh the palate which is equal to the viscosity. Although bright and lively in its youth, the acid will allow this wine to develop nicely over the next 5-6 years (2022-20230).

TECHNICAL DATA

VINTNERS	David and Suzanne Tate
WINEMAKER	David Tate
VARIETAL	100% Chardonnay
APPELLATION	Napa Valley
PRODUCTION	400 Cases
ALCOHOL	14.3%
AGING	11 months in French Oak Barrels, 20% new and 80% one to four year old barrels



BACKGROUND

David Tate, a native of British Columbia, Canada, is the Winemaker and Founder of TATE along with his wife Suzanne Tate. Established in 2011, TATE is known for single expression wines from independently owned, micro-vineyards across the valley floor and mountain sides of the Napa Valley.

David is also the General Manager and Winemaker for Barnett Vineyards atop Spring Mountain in the Napa Valley since 2007. Prior to his work with TATE and Barnett, David was the assistant winemaker at Ridge Vineyards for five years at Montebello in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Suzanne Tate's roots are in Texas but will quickly tell you that Northern California and the Napa Valley are now 'home'. After five years of distribution in Texas, Suzanne had a chance meeting with David at a wine dinner and well, as they say the rest is history. Suzanne moved to the Napa Valley in 2010 and very quickly, the idea of TATE came to life.

From our small start of 400 cases, TATE is now producing just over 1,000 cases annually of Chardonnay from Yountville, Merlot from Calistoga and single-vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon's from St. Helena, Mt. Veeder and Howell Mountain.