

FOLEY F SONOMA

2017 ESTATE CHARDONNAY ALEXANDER VALLEY

Foley Sonoma is dedicated to mixing old-world tradition and modern technology to create limited production, luxury wines from estate vineyards in the Alexander Valley appellation within Sonoma County. Our family has been growing and creating wines since 1996 throughout California and beyond. The estate vineyards offer diverse terrain and soil types that cater to our focus on the five noble Bordeaux varieties — Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Petit Verdot. We look forward to sharing the wines from this special place with you and your family for years to come. — The Foley Family

VINTAGE

Harvest 2017 was an excellent vintage in the Alexander Valley. A relatively cool ripening season in August was followed by a four-day, 115 degree heat spike, which pushed all fruit that was on the fringes of ripeness well into full maturity. Luckily, grape quality was not compromised, and once the fruit arrived, it was fantastic to work with. Although the heat spike was much maligned at the time, all of our fruit, aside from a single block of Cabernet Franc, was in and processed by the time the fires hit at the beginning of October.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

The vineyards of Foley Sonoma lie at the heart of our estate in the Alexander Valley. Our Chardonnay vines are planted in rich soil that supports the Dijon and Robert Young clones. After harvest, the fruit was fermented in French oak barrels and aged for 11 months. Regular lees stirring after fermentation enhanced the concentration and complexity of the flavors and aromatics.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2017 Chardonnay is a medium-bodied wine with aromas of apple tart, dried peach, and sweet lemon. Flavors of freshly cut yellow pear and a light creamy character on the mid-palate are complemented by notes of juicy meyer lemon and a rich acidity on the finish.

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Alexander Valley

Composition: 100% Chardonnay

Aging: 11 months in French oak, 20% new

Alcohol: 14.6%

TA: 6.0 g/L

pH: 3.56

Production: 204 Cases

