



# FLORA SPRINGS



## WINEMAKER NOTES

Our Flora's Legacy Chardonnay is a limited-production, one-of-kind wine made in honor of Flora Komes, our mother, grandmother, and the woman who inspired the founding of Flora Springs Winery. Every year we involve the whole family in the creation of this wine, selecting the finest barrels of Chardonnay in the cellar and gradually narrowing it down to a blend of the few barrels we like best. The 2014 vintage is sourced from our estate-owned vineyards in the Oakville and Carneros appellations, a 100% barrel fermented Chardonnay that opens up in the glass with intense notes of orange marmalade, Asian pear, jasmine and candied ginger. The palate, broadened with twice-weekly lees stirring and 50% malolactic fermentation, carries through with notes of caramelized wood, honeycomb and a subtle flintiness. Ripe, generous and layered in the mouth, the wine winds down with a long, mineral-laced finish.

## ALL THE FACTS

**Appellation:** *Napa Valley*

**Varietal:** *100% Chardonnay*

**Cases Produced:** *191*

**Aging:** *10 months; 100% French oak (70% new)*

**Suggested Retail Price:** *\$70*

**Enjoyability:** *Drink now through 2020 for optimum enjoyment*

## ON THE VINE

In spite of a year that saw the continuation of California's drought as well as an earthquake in southern Napa Valley, vintners in the region celebrated another vintage for the record books in 2014. Heavy rains in late February and early March gave a much-needed drink of water to vines as they emerged from dormancy, and a warm, relatively frost-free spring allowed bud break, flowering and fruit set to proceed without interruption. Continued warm, dry weather throughout the summer brought the grapes to perfect ripeness in a harvest that was relatively early and also bountiful. 2014 was the third great vintage year in a row for Napa Valley, with vintners using phrases such as "excellent quality," "depth of flavor" and "exciting concentration" to describe the forthcoming wines.