

# Forman Vineyards Chardonnay Napa Valley

## THE FACTS

COUNTRY: USA - CA  
REGION: Napa County  
APPELLATION: Napa Valley  
CEPAGE: 100% Chardonnay  
WINEMAKING: Fermentation in Burgundian barrels.  
ALCOHOL BY VOLUME: 12.8%  
AGING: Burgundy barrels 20% new, 7 months sur lees.

## THE STORY

Influenced early on by the wines and winemaking practices of the Bordeaux region of France, Ric Forman has consistently sought a similar perfection for the wines of Forman Vineyard. Ric founded Forman Vineyard in 1983 to fulfill his dream of producing, as a sole proprietor, small quantities of classically made wine. Ric Forman grows his grapes on 88.5 acres of land split between three different parcels, each one planted to the four Bordeaux varieties, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, and Petit Verdot.

**PHILOSOPHY:** Ric Forman's winemaking philosophy follows a more traditional approach. Familiarity with European tradition has seriously influenced Ric's style and hence the fashion with which he designed and built his winery.

## THE ADJECTIVES

**OVERALL:** Great aging potential, powerful character but well balanced.

**AROMAS / FLAVORS:** Ripe pear, citrus rind, highly complex.

**MOUTHFEEL:** Full body, rich with nice tartness.

## THE SELLING POINTS

A hallmark Chardonnay from a spectacular vintage.

