



## 2015 CLOS DU VAL ESTATE CHARDONNAY

<b>WINEMAKER:</b>	Ted Henry
<b>REGION:</b>	Carneros, Napa Valley
<b>VARIETALS:</b>	Chardonnay
<b>FERMENTATION:</b>	100% barrel fermented
<b>MATURATION:</b>	10 months in French oak barriques (28% new)
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	13.5% alc/vol   TA: 6.9 g/L TA   pH: 3.5

### VINTAGE NOTES:

The 2015 season proved to be warm (or even just plain hot), meaning that harvest started and ended early. A major hurdle in Napa Valley was the series of rains in the early part of the season that washed off the pollen on the flowering grapes. This is called shatter and essentially means many of the grapes on each cluster never turned into fruit. The low yield ended up focusing the flavors on the grapes resulting in some of the most concentrated Clos Du Val wines in many years. The grapes were hand-picked August 28- September 20.

### TASTING NOTES:

Made exclusively using grapes from Clos du Val's acclaimed Gran Val Estate vineyard in Carneros, which they been farming for more than four decades, this is a vivid and alluring Chardonnay, with layered aromas of toast, Asian pear, and green apple. On the palate, bright, mouthwatering acidity adds poise and precision to flavors of apple pie and lemon curd, underscored by oak-inspired hints of caramel and baking spice.

### CRITICAL ACCLIAM:

Not yet reviewed.

### ABOUT CLOS DU VAL:

Clos Du Val, French for "small vineyard estate of a small valley," was founded in 1972 in the renowned Stags Leap District. The winery was first recognized for its Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon at the famed Judgment of Paris in 1976, establishing its place as one of Napa Valley's most iconic winery estates. Still family-owned today, Clos Du Val farms 350 acres of estate vineyards in Napa Valley's Stags Leap District, Carneros and Yountville sub-appellations. The winery also continues to craft wines of balance and complexity, showcasing the fruit from the outstanding terroir on which the estate lies.



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