

2015 CHARDONNAY  
*napa valley*

In 1983, Tony and Herta Peju bought thirty acres of vines in the famed Rutherford district of the Napa Valley. Since then, the Peju family has maintained a meticulous focus on the vineyard, which has grown to include a proactive approach to sustainability and environmental consciousness. That longstanding commitment and respect for the grapes can be tasted with each sip of these balanced and elegant wines. Still family-owned and operated with daughters Lisa and Ariana poised to take the helm, Peju Winery has become an integral piece of the Napa Valley landscape.

VINEYARD

Persephone Vineyard is our 350-acre estate in the heart of Pope Valley, a largely undiscovered grape-growing region in the northeast corner of Napa Valley. The ranch is planted with 130 acres of vines, which includes our Bordeaux grape varieties as well as Zinfandel, Syrah, Sauvignon Blanc, and Chardonnay. At nearly 1,000 feet elevation, the area is characterized by wide temperature swings and little fog, which allows for a consistent growing season and produces fruit with rich, focused flavor, and a precise sense of place. Persephone is sustainably farmed, moving towards organic certification.

VINTAGE

2015 saw early bud break, giving way to a cool spring and a generally even and warm growing season. Temperature surges during the final weeks of growth expedited harvest, making it one of the earliest harvests Napa Valley has ever had. With the drought enduring as a serious issue facing California, 2015 saw crop yields down by 15- 20%. Though there are challenges that come with low yields, there is also the benefit of a higher concentration of flavor in each grape. 2015 wines are showing to be increasingly complex with wonderful, fruit forward aromatics and stunning depth of flavor.

TASTING

Our 2015 Chardonnay delights with rich, focused aromatics offering lush flavors of white peach, vanilla and orange blossom. Balanced and mouthfilling, this wine is smooth yet refreshing. Flavors of Asian pear and green apple immerse the palate, finishing with light honeyed oak and bright citrus.

APPELLATION  
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VINEYARD  
*persephone*

COMPOSITION  
*100% chardonnay*

COOPERAGE  
*100% french oak, 25% new*

AGING  
*6 months sur lie*

ALCOHOL  
*13.8%*

TA  
*6.0 g/l*

PH  
*3.4*

HARVEST DATE  
*september 2014*

BOTTLING DATE  
*april 2015*

RELEASE DATE  
*may 2015*

CELLARING  
*enjoy now through 2018*

SRP  
*\$30 | \$360*