

2016 CHARDONNAY  
*napa valley*

In 1983, with dreams of raising their young family on a farm, 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 land, fostering sustainable and environmental consciousness across their five estates. 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

The 2016 vintage was the fifth consecutive year that Mother Nature gifted Napa Valley with a nearly perfect growing season. The season started early with a warm winter and normal precipitation levels. Temperatures cooled down in late August allowing the remaining berries to develop intense and balanced fruit. The 2016 vintage produced a remarkably light yield resulting in a higher concentration of flavor in each berry. Our 2016 wines are showcasing to be increasingly aromatic, vibrant and lush.

TASTING

Opening with lush aromas of vanilla, orange blossom and sweet apple, this wine's bright, full-bodied palate is enchanting. Immersive flavors of white peach and green pear dance across the palate, rounded out by honeyed oak and a pop of bright citrus. Smooth with layered complexity, our 2016 Chardonnay is lively, culminating in notes of apple cobbler and candied ginger.

APPELLATION  
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VINEYARD  
*persephone*

COMPOSITION  
*100% chardonnay*

COOPERAGE  
*100% french oak, 25% new*

AGING  
*6 months sur lie*

ALCOHOL  
*13.7%*

TA  
*5.4 g/l*

PH  
*3.52*

HARVEST DATE  
*september 2016*

BOTTLING DATE  
*may 2017*

RELEASE DATE  
*august 2017*

CELLARING  
*enjoy now through 2019*

SRP  
*\$30 | \$360*