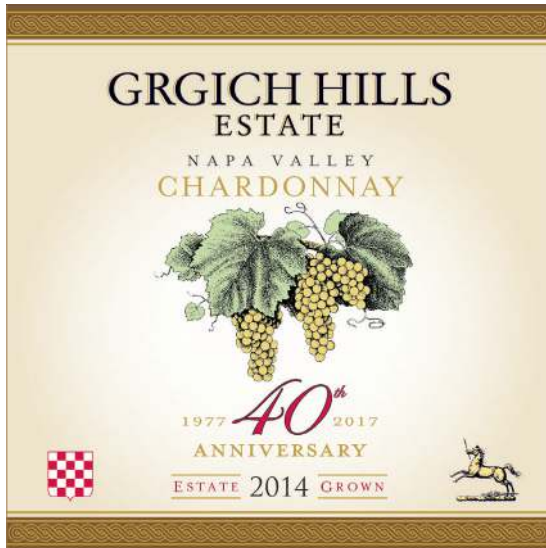


# GRGICH HILLS ESTATE

NAPA VALLEY

1977 **40<sup>th</sup>** 2017  
ANNIVERSARY

*This unique bottling celebrates the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Grgich Hills Estate in 2017!*



## 2014 CHARDONNAY

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**VINTAGE:** For the third year in a row Napa Valley experienced an exceptional vintage, aided by near drought conditions. Budbreak came slightly early, and the modest temperatures through the growing season helped preserve moisture. July's relatively low temperatures coupled with high relative humidity slowed down sugar accumulation to achieve perfect ripeness with lower alcohol. Harvest started and ended about two weeks earlier than normal, producing superb quality.

**VINEYARD:** Chardonnay thrives in our Carneros vineyard in the southern tip of Napa Valley, near San Pablo Bay, which spills into the San Francisco Bay. The cool maritime breezes and fog allow the grapes to slowly ripen to develop complex flavors while maintaining a pleasing natural acidity that is impossible to achieve in warmer areas. All of our vineyards are certified organic, and we farm them naturally, without artificial pesticides or herbicides.

**THE WINE:** We're celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a special bottling of the varietal that made Miljenko "Mike" Grgich famous - Chardonnay! This limited-production, elegant Chardonnay harkens back to an earlier style of Chardonnay by selecting lots that showcase the fresh, bright, juicy flavors of a crisp apple and pear, driven by refreshing acidity. This is the perfect pairing with smoked salmon, crispy crab cakes or chicken Dijon.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Alcohol.....14.1% by volume  
Fermentation...indigenous yeast  
Harvest date....Aug. 29 - Sept. 9, 2014  
Sugar .....23.1° Brix (*average*)  
Bottling date....December 15, 2015  
Release date....February 1, 2017  
Total acid .....6.8 g/L  
pH .....3.23  
Time in oak.....Fermented and aged  
10 months  
Type of oak.....60-gallon French oak  
70% new barrels  
30% neutral barrels  
Production.....3,013 cases (12/750 ml.)  
Blend .....100% Chardonnay