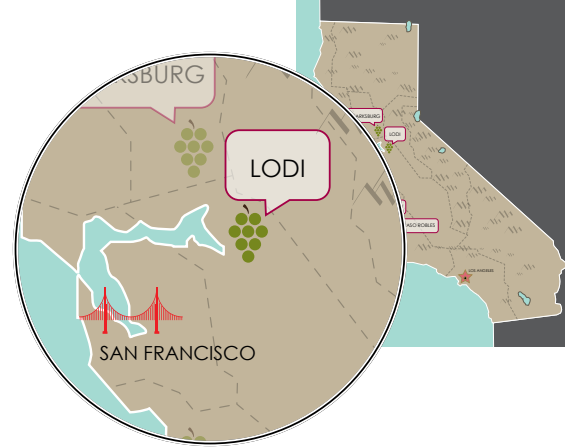




TORTOISE CREEK



## CHARDONNAY 2016

### “Jam’s Blend”

*Lodi, California*

**VARIETAL:**

**Chardonnay**  
(Chardonnay 95%, Viognier 5%)

“Jam’s Blend” refers to Janie and Mel Master, the creators of Tortoise Creek.

**REGION:**

**Lodi, AVA**

**VINEYARD:**

The Tortoise Creek “Jam’s Blend” Chardonnay is sourced from sustainably farmed vineyards in the mineral rich sandy to clay loam soils of Lodi, California. The vineyards takes advantage of the gap between the northern and southern coastal ranges surrounding the San Francisco Bay. As the day’s temperature rises, cool breezes drift in from the Delta, keeping the nights cool which is ideal for developing complex long finishing wines.

**WINEMAKING:**

Gravity flow fruit handling and whole cluster pressing preserves the natural acid balance present at harvest and also minimizes harsh tannins and allows a more natural expression of ripe chardonnay fruit. A majority of our blend is unoaked but the remainder is aged “sur lie” (on its lees) for 6 months prior to bottling resulting in a wine that is perfectly balanced with a just a “touch of oak”.

**TASTING:**

The 2016 “Jam’s Blend” Chardonnay boasts bright, fresh aromas and flavors of citrus, pear, apple and white flowers. Its creamy texture is supported by fresh acidity and a long, clean finish.

**FOOD PAIRING:**

Ideal as an aperitif or with poultry, salads, cream based pastas and softer cheeses.



ABV: 13.8 %  
RS: 2.8 g/L

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**SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES**

The Lodi Rules ([www.lodirules.com](http://www.lodirules.com)) are California’s first 3rd party certified sustainable wine growing standards designed to lead to measurable improvements in the environmental health of the surrounding ecosystem, society-at-large and wine quality. The Lodi Rules program requires growers to use a wide range of sustainable practices that result in continual improvement of all aspects of their farming operations. The Lodi Rules Program is third party certified which means the standards have been reviewed and endorsed by an organization not connected to the Lodi Winegrape Commission. Vineyards in the Lodi Rules program are certified by Protected Harvest ([www.protectedharvest.org](http://www.protectedharvest.org)), an environmental non-profit organization that endorses farmers’ use of stringent environmental farming standards.



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