

PROFILE

COLLECTION

2016 SILHOUETTE CHARDONNAY

BLEND

100% Chardonnay

APPELLATION

Carneros, Napa Valley

VINEYARD

- 72% Stanly Ranch Estate Vineyard
- 28% Hyde Vineyard

TA

6.7 g/L

PH

3.28

HARVEST DATE

Early September

COOPERAGE

35% new Burgundy barrels from Tronçais, Jupilles and Fontainebleau forests in central France

ÉLEVAGE

16 months

ALCOHOL

14.5%



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WINEMAKING

Silhouette is a limited production white wine worthy of a collector's cellar. This hallmark Chardonnay captures the family's vision of crafting an old-world style white wine from Napa Valley. Each vintage, our very best Chardonnay fruit goes into the Silhouette bottling. For the 2016 vintage, the wine is comprised of grapes grown on our Stanly Ranch Estate Vineyard and the neighboring Hyde Vineyard in Carneros. The grapes for Silhouette were handpicked at peak ripeness and hand sorted before being gently pressed until only one bar of pressure. The juices were cold settled overnight and then drained to barrel with maximum care to prevent oxidation. We were able to achieve native primary and malolactic fermentations. Total fermentation time was 10 months with malolactic happening at the same time as the alcoholic fermentation, enhancing integration of oak and flavors. The wine was aged for 16 months on full lies in 35% new French oak barrels.

VINTAGE

The near-perfect 2016 growing season started early and saw ideal weather conditions throughout. Thanks to a relatively steady and mild July and August and then a series of warm days at the end of the growing season, vineyards were able to progress to perfect ripeness.

SENSORY IMPRESSIONS

Silhouette is a captivating wine and an exciting project for our Winemaker Simon Faury and his team. The outstanding quality of the fruit allows for long native fermentations where we carefully monitor its progress. We are striving for the best expression of Chardonnay; an exercise of balance with one goal in mind: finesse, refinement and complexity. Our intent is to surprise you with this unique, exquisite and noble wine that has the potential to age for 10 years or more.

The 2016 Silhouette Chardonnay opens with notes of flowers, orange blossom, jasmine, white peach and candied pineapple. The mouth is broad at first, elegant with a deep acidity that sustains the weight and natural sweetness of the wine. The finish exhibits the traditional minerality of our Stanly Ranch Estate Vineyard and brings freshness and balance to the wine.