

PROFILE

COLLECTION

2019 SILHOUETTE CHARDONNAY

BLEND

100% Chardonnay

APPELLATION

Napa Valley

VINEYARD

100% Stanly Ranch Estate
Vineyard, Block 2A

TA

6.8 g/L

PH

3.29

HARVEST DATE

September 16th

COOPERAGE

50% new French Burgundian oak

ÉLEVAGE

18 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 Schlatter Family's vision of crafting an old-world style white wine from Napa Valley. Since the first vintage in 1993, we have selected our very best Chardonnay lots for the Silhouette bottling. For the first time in 2019, 100% of the fruit was sourced from Block 2A of our Stanly Ranch Estate Vineyard on the Napa side of the Carneros AVA, allowing the designation of estate grown and bottled for this exceptional wine.

Hand harvested at night to retain vibrant acidity, the grapes for Silhouette were whole cluster pressed to a temperature controlled stainless steel tank to settle the juice, then racked into French oak barrels the following day. The winemaking techniques were classic Burgundian—spontaneous native yeast barrel fermentation, gentle bâtonnage and natural malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged for 18 months on fine lees in 50% new French Burgundian oak barrels, and was racked once before bottling.

VINTAGE

The beginning of the 2019 growing season was defined by copious rainfall and late soil moisture. The long, warm summer saw very few

extreme heat events, with foggy mornings setting the stage for vibrant and expressive wines. The long, relatively mild finish to the season helped to preserve freshness and finesse in the fruit along with great structure. All in all, exceptional fruit with bright acidity and ample texture has resulted in an amazing vintage.

SENSORY IMPRESSIONS

A warm but even growing season enabled the grapes to be picked at optimum ripeness. Both primary and malolactic native fermentations went smoothly in the barrel, only assisted by occasional stirring of the lees. The wine was blended after six months, and then aged on fine lees for a year. The resulting wine is loaded with complexity, terroir and refinement.

Aromatically alluring, the 2019 Silhouette opens with notes of hazelnut, orange blossom and jasmine. Layered, complex flavors of lemon curd, dried pineapple and marzipan unfold on the broad yet focused palate. An elegant, deep acidity sustains the weight and natural lusciousness of the wine. The finish is long and evolving, exhibiting the traditional minerality of the historic Stanly Ranch Estate Vineyard. A truly pleasurable wine to enjoy now or over the next 10+ years.