

MERRYVALE

VINEYARDS

2019 Chardonnay Carneros, Napa Valley



Winemaking

The majority of the fruit for this Chardonnay was grown on our Stanly Ranch Estate Vineyard (84%) with some select lots from neighboring Hyde Vineyard (16%) blended in. These Carneros vineyards' proximity to the San Pablo Bay keeps them at a cool temperature and brings cool climate characteristics to the wine. Classic Burgundian techniques were used in the production of this wine. The grapes were whole cluster pressed to a combination of new and used French oak barrels, along with some stainless steel drums. The wine was fermented using native yeasts, underwent full malolactic fermentation, minimal stirring and sur lie aging for 11 months.

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 teasing out great color, structure and soft tannins. All in all, exceptional fruit with bright acidity and ample texture has resulted in an amazing vintage.

Tasting Notes

Sourced from our Estate Vineyard blocks on the historic Stanly Ranch as well as the renowned Hyde Vineyard, the 2019 Carneros Chardonnay is the best example of everything we love from the region. Bright acidity, savory salinity, layered complexity and luscious mouthfeel all converge in this bottle.

Appellation:	Carneros, Napa Valley
Blend:	100% Chardonnay
Vineyards:	Merryvale Stanly Ranch Estate Vineyard and Hyde Vineyard
Cooperage:	80% French oak barrels (40% new) and 20% stainless steel drums for 11 months
Alc:	13.5%
PH:	3.34
TA:	5.8 g/L

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