

MERRYVALE

VINEYARDS

2019 Chardonnay Hyde Vineyard, Carneros



Winemaking

Sourced from the acclaimed Hyde Vineyard, located a mile and a half from our Estate Vineyard at Stanly Ranch in Carneros. The unique mix of Wente and Musque clones highlight the site, offering body and aromatics alongside classic Carneros acidity. We employed classic Burgundian techniques in the production of this wine. The grapes were whole cluster pressed to a combination of new and used French oak barrels where the wine was fermented using native yeasts. Full malolactic fermentation, minimal stirring and sur lie aging for 18 months complete the winemaking highpoints.

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

Beguiling aromas of white flowers, lemon zest and honeysuckle spring from the glass. On the palate the wine is broad with medium weight while retaining focused acidity – it's an immensely satisfying Chardonnay that evolves and deepens as it opens. Pair with a wide range of chicken, vegetable and seafood dishes. Drink now and over the next 5+ years.

Appellation:	Carneros, Napa Valley
Blend:	100% Chardonnay (Wente and Musque clones)
Vineyard:	Hyde Vineyard
Cooperage:	40% new French Burgundy oak barrels for 18 months
Alc:	13.5%
PH:	3.38
TA:	6.1 g/L

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