

# MERRYVALE

## VINEYARDS

### 2020 Chardonnay Carneros, Napa Valley

#### Winemaking

100% of the fruit for this Chardonnay was grown on our Stanly Ranch Estate Vineyard. The vineyard's proximity to the San Pablo Bay keeps it 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. The wine was fermented using native yeasts, underwent full malolactic fermentation, minimal stirring and sur lie aging for 10 months.

#### Vintage

The 2020 season will be remembered for factors beyond the normal measurements. It was a warm, dry winter and we didn't start to see rain and cold weather until the end of March. A mild spring season gave us a great early start, and summer brought very cool mornings and very warm days. This build-up to harvest was interrupted by two wildfires as we turned to the fall. The white wine harvest started in early August and the wines have developed excellently, reflecting the fine vintage year.

#### Tasting Notes

Sourced from our Estate blocks on the historic Stanly Ranch, our 2020 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
Cooperage:	100% French oak barrels (30% new) for 10 months
Alc:	14.2%
PH:	3.29
TA:	6.5 g/L

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