

# MERRYVALE

## VINEYARDS

### 2021 Chardonnay Carneros, Napa Valley



#### Winemaking

The fruit for this Chardonnay was grown on our Stanly Ranch Estate Vineyard. Thid Carneros 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 18 months.

#### Vintage

The season started off with very little rain, leading to the 2nd year of drought conditions in Napa Valley and an early start to Harvest. While concerning in the long term, the drought of 2021 resulted in a more natural load on the vines, requiring less pruning and dropping of fruit. The resulting grapes are packed full of flavor. The smaller yields per vine and smaller berry size will result in another amazing vintage from Napa Valley.

#### Tasting Notes

Sourced from our Estate Vineyard blocks on the historic Stanly Ranch, the 2021 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.

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| Appellation: | Carneros, Napa Valley                               |
| Blend:       | 100% Chardonnay                                     |
| Vineyards:   | Merryvale Stanly Ranch Estate Vineyard              |
| Cooperage:   | 100% Burgundian oak barrels (30% new) for 10 months |
| Alc:         | 13.7%   |
| PH:          | 3.22  |
| TA:          | 8.4 g/L   |

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