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2018 CHARDONNAY, HYDE VINEYARD

APPELLATION

Carneros

AGING

11 months
33% new French oak
27% malolactic

SCORES

95 points, Jeb Dunnuck
92 points, Wine Enthusiast

ALCOHOL

13.6%

VARIETAL

100% Chardonnay

A highlight of the 2018 vintage, the Hyde Vineyard Chardonnay is breath-taking. The only vineyard partner that we work with outside of Sonoma County, the Hyde family, has been working the Carneros soils starting in the late '70s. The 2018 Hyde Chardonnay is built around two selections, Robert Young (54%) and Musqué (46%).

The cool Carneros winds led to a slow and steady ripening allowing beautiful flavor development and our last Chardonnay pick of 2018. The medley of the two clones plays wonderfully together, the Robert Young showing apple tart and chai-spice while the Musqué is more stone fruited with white peach and apricot. Partial malolactic gives lovely texture in the mid-palate while the chalky salinity provides plenty of freshness that points to a long aging curve for this wine.

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