## RAM'S GATE

## WINERY · SONOMA



## 2019 CHARDONNAY HYDE VINEYARD

APPELLATION Carneros

AGING 11 months 32% new French oak

SCORES 94 points, Wine Enthusiast 93 points, Jeb Dunnuck

ALCOHOL 13.7%

CLONES 57% Musque 43% Robert Young

One of the more classic California vintages in recent memory, the 2019 is elegant on the nose with terrific concentration and depth on the palate. The striking difference in 2019, aside from the dynamic vintage, is the increased Musqué percentage in the final blend allowing the intense aromatics to shine through.

The Musqué selection, now a heritage clone of Hyde Vineyards, has a lace-like mouthfeel and intensely perfumed with ripe apricots, honeysuckle and orange blossom. There is no malolactic fermentation due to our desire to capture the beautiful esters from harvest and preserving the purity on the palate.

The Robert Young selection is weightier with meadow flowers and raw honey on the nose. This portion underwent full malolactic fermentation lending additional density and richness to the final blend.

This wine is deliciously textured and truly graceful with the aromatics weaving effortlessly and finishing with distinct minerality. As with most of our 2019 Chardonnays, this wine is youthful with a promised lengthy life in bottle.

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