

# RAM'S GATE

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## 2020 CHARDONNAY, HYDE VINEYARD

### APPELLATION

Carneros

### VINIFICATION

11 months in barrel  
31% new French oak

### CLONES

63% Musqué Selection  
37% Robert Young Selection

### ALCOHOL

13.7%

### COOPERAGE

Atelier Center of France, Taransaud, Eclat

An intensely aromatic vintage for Hyde Vineyard, it continues where the 2019 left off with a higher percentage of Musqué selection from a planting in the 1980s. The growing season in Carneros was marked by dryer conditions at budbreak followed by a consistently warm growing season, elevated heat mid-August and an overall smaller crop.

At 2.2 tons per acre for the Robert Young selection (a reduction of nearly 33%) it provides density and concentration and rich flavors of apple and pear. The Musqué selection drives the wine aromatically with honeysuckle, apricot, and ripe peach. The Musqué lot does not go through malolactic fermentation, electing rather to preserve the graceful palate driven by purity and minerality.

There is equilibrium in the final blend driving to a delightful, mineral finish. The wine is still quite young and will gain weight with a year or more in bottle. A beautifully poised Chardonnay that will age gracefully for years to come.

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