## RAM'S GATE

## WINERY · SONOMA



## 2020 CHARDONNAY, RAM'S GATE ESTATE

APPELLATION Carneros

VINIFICATION 16 months in barrel 33% new French oak

CLONES 64% Wente Selection 30% Robert Young Selection 3% Mt. Eden Selection 2% Clone 98 1% Clone 15

ALCOHOL 13.5%

COOPERAGE Tremeaux, Mercurey, Atelier Center of France

Our first full year farming organic, the 2020 growing season was marked with a dryer spring than the previous two growing seasons and a late spring frost—both conditions led to smaller canopies, smaller cluster-size and ultimately a much smaller crop. As was the case essentially across our portfolio, this led to intensely flavored wines and reasonably low alcohols.

Driven by the Wente selection, the wine has an aromatic bouquet of wildflowers, honey, and summer melon. Extra time in barrel has provided a beautiful old-world charm of noble reduction, a quality we love in Chardonnay. On the palate, the concentration of the vintage is felt at its core—a benefit from a long growing season. The wine has driving acidity and distinct minerality in the finish.

Possessing terrific energy, it will be a wine that continues to develop and evolve for many years to come.

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