

## 2021 HYDE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

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### Impressions

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Aromas of perfectly ripe orchard fruits, flint, thyme and fragrant fennel tops. The wine is immediately steely and mineral yet dense and chewy with obvious extract and power. The flavors akin to peach and citrus are clean, precise and beautifully proportioned. As the wine airs it becomes deep and expansive, building through the palate, before it's cut by a sharp line of grapefruit acidity and chalky freshness. World class Chardonnay for grown-ups. Serve at no cooler than 53°F and drink between late-2023 and 2032.

### Vineyard & Winemaking Details

APPELLATION	CARNEROS - NAPA VALLEY
VINEYARD	100% HYDE VINEYARD
CLONE	OLD WENTE
VINE AGE	32 YEARS
HARVEST DATES	AUGUST 31
BARREL AGING	AGED 11 MONTHS IN 35% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS FROM TONNELLERIE CHASSIN & PUNCHEONS FROM FASSBINDERI SCHNECKENLEITNER FOLLOWED BY 6 MONTHS SETTLING IN TANK
ALCOHOL	13.7%
PRODUCTION	430 CASES OF 750ML