



DUMOL

## 2021 Hyde Vineyard Chardonnay

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The Wine  
Independent

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The 2021 Chardonnay Hyde Vineyard needs quite a bit of coaxing to unlock notes of ripe yellow apples, grapefruit oil, orange peel, and juicy peaches, leading to wafts of wet slate, shaved ginger, and almond croissant. The medium-bodied palate has super-charged intensity, delivering layer upon layer of citrus, stone fruit, and mineral flavors with a silky texture and laser-precise acidity, finishing with incredible length and so many citrus and mineral sparks. This is phenomenal Chardonnay! These Hyde Vineyard vines were planted in 1986. "Hyde were the first to do custom growing and they do it so well," commented DuMOL's winemaker, Andy Smith. "The shoot growth in 2021 was very low and the yields were down from a typical 21 barrels to 17 barrels. But I believe this is the best quality is the best they've ever had from here." I agree. -Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW, July 2023

**JEB DUNNUCK**

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The 2021 Chardonnay Hyde Vineyard is highly aromatic with resinous notes of pine needles, delicate smoky reduction, umami richness, and Meyer lemon. Full-bodied, there's a good bit of power behind it, with good focus. Savory with fresh herbs, pithy citrus, and chamomile and long on the palate, it will drink well 2024-2034. - Audrey Frick, July 2023

*Robert Parker*  
WINE ADVOCATE

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The 2021 Chardonnay Hyde Vineyard is particularly savory this year, with lots of matchstick character that fans of Burgundy will love. Its chalky, saline mineral tones unwind slowly to reveal delicate notes of apricot and dried jasmine. Medium-bodied, satiny and expansive, it has generous savory flavors balanced by energetic acidity and a latent, flinty finish. This Hyde Vineyard Chardonnay will be long-lived in bottle. -Erin Brooks, June 2023

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This is very structured for Hyde with a chewiness and depth that really impresses. You need to dig deep and then you see a solid phenolic backbone with bright fruit and apple and peach skin and some flinty undertones. Drinkable but better after 2025. -James Suckling, March 21, 2023

