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NAPA VALLEY

BERESINI VINEYARD, TORCHIANA
CHARDONNAY
2018

VINEYARD This wine comes from a single three-acre Chardonnay vineyard Larry Hyde introduced to me in 2008. It belonged to one of his oldest friends in the Napa Valley, Steve Beresini, and was planted three decades ago with cuttings Larry gave Steve. We call this plant material – Hyde Selection Wente Clone (Old Vine chardon-nay). Today it produces a minuscule crop, usually between one to two tons per acre, with clusters half the normal size.

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WINEMAKING Very Burgundian in style. Barrel fermented in small French cooperage, favoring premium three year dry aged barrels at a Medium toast level. The single new barrel cooper used is Saury. Fermentations begin with native yeast for primary and secondary, and the wines receive the minimal amount of handling through the aging period. Bottled unfinned, unfiltered; we work hard to bring honest and true expression of the vineyard to you.

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WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES The 2018 Torchiana once again tastes like nothing else with its crushed oyster shell, sea foam and toasted brioche bread.

The palate displays bees wax, lanolin, focused acidity that provide a frame to the fruit as it tails off to show lingering blooming honeysuckle.

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VINTAGE Might go down as one of the greats -however, I did hear from some winemakers how very long the vintage played out, and bone ass tired some were when it finally ended. But quality loves long, long vintages with lots of hang time, and 2018 had hang time. It all began in late February and went deep into October.

CASES PRODUCED: 180

RETAIL BOTTLE PRICE: \$80

