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## HYDE VINEYARD

CHARDONNAY

2019

**VINEYARD** This vineyard is an extension of the man, Larry Hyde. For three decades he has had an intimate relationship with each vine in his vineyard, and in the process has built an international reputation as one of the best growers in the world. His research papers on plant (clonal material) are reference points for our industry. He is a humble man, very dry of wit, has a good appetite for excellent food and wine, and likes the company of sincere winemakers and growers. We are in a small section of the vineyard in the rolling hills of Carneros, planted to what he calls his 'Small Cluster Clone.' I stood in line for these grapes for 14 years, and I think you will agree the wait was well worth it. Not much crop from these vines, but stunning wine. Only five barrels.

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**WINEMAKING** Very Burgundian in style. Barrel fermented in small French cooperage, favoring premium three year air dried barrels. There is only about 20% new oak on this vineyard and is made up of the coopers Saury and Damy. Fermentations begin with native yeast strains 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 an honest and true expression of the vineyard to you.

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**WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES** The 2019 Hyde Vineyard Chardonnay shows its classic floral nose with honeysuckle, sea spray, lemon curd and tangerine. As is typical the Hyde is more of a medium weight wine whose elegance allows it to be paired with any type of sea food that there is but especially Dungeness crab. A model of understated elegance and class, the Hyde Chardonnay just why we love this cool site so much.

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**VINTAGE** Ample winter rains provided welcome soil saturation for the growing season and canopy development. Spring was a bit cooler and rainier than in the last couple of years, resulting in bud break and flowering being delayed a few weeks compared to 2018. May rains had minimal impact to flowering, and warm summer weather helped the growing season catch up from its delayed start, yet many vintners started their harvests a week or two behind the 10-year average.

**CASES PRODUCED:** 125

