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HYDE VINEYARD

CHARDONNAY

2018

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 three 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 cooper Saury. 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 honest and true expression of the vineyard to you.

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WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES The 2018 Hyde Vineyard Chardonnay shows intense notes of Saline, sea spray and lite sweet Vanilla on the nose.

On the palate this wine is write, fresh and intensely focused with just a touch of sweet oak, creme brûlée and an almost Riesling like oiliness to it. A wine to drink now as well as lay down for years to watch it develop.

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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: 50

RETAIL BOTTLE PRICE: \$80

