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## *BERESINI VINEYARD, TORCHIANA*

CHARDONNAY

2019

**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. Only ten barrels.

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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 coopers used are Saury and Damy. 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 an honest and true expression of the vineyard to you.

**WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES** The 2019 Torchiana Chardonnay exhibits the classic Beresini Vineyard depth, intensity and extreme richness, stone fruits, apricots, salted butter and bees wax that we have so fallen in love with over the years. This always shows an almost oiliness to the palate that seems to go on and linger for minutes. As showy as this wine always is in its youth this will age and evolve gracefully for years.



**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:** 250

