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BOUCHAINE

NAPA VALLEY ♦ CARNEROS

2019 Unoaked Estate Chardonnay



Vineyard

Bouchaine's 100-acre estate vineyard lies on the southern border of Napa Valley's Carneros district, overlooking the San Francisco bay with the financial district in the distance. Fog, wind, and the cold night time temperatures of this unique geographical area lend a distinctive regional identity to our Chardonnay.

Growing Season

The 2019 growing season will be remembered as a "Goldilocks" vintage. Not too cold, not too hot . . . but just right. Late rains in May had growers biting their nails as these storms can cause damage to vines that are flowering, leading to reduced crop. However, sunshine won that battle and the rains disappeared giving way to a long, consistent growing season throughout the summer. No major heat events appeared during harvest time allowing for beautiful ripening at an even pace. Juuuust right.

Vinification

Fermented in stainless steel tanks, there are no additional flavors coming from secondary fermentation, oak influence, or stirring. This minimal winemaker influence has produced a minimalist Chardonnay with beautiful tension and purity of expression.

Tasting Notes

This Chardonnay has had a wardrobe malfunction. It stands naked before us, laid bare without even a hint of oak. Flavors of Asian pear, Gravenstein apple, and Meyer lemon flow across the tangy palate. This wine is a pure expression of the Chardonnay grape, highlighting its grace and freshness. The long finish begs for another sip!

Appellation

Napa Valley, Carneros

Vineyard

Estate Blocks 20, 30

Aging

8 months

Harvest Date

September 26, 2019

Bottling Date

June 22, 2020

Maturation

100% stainless steel

PH

3.26

TA

7.0 g/L

RS

0 g/L

Alcohol

14.2%

Production

500 cases (750ml)

Suggested Retail

\$33