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BOUCHAINE

NAPA VALLEY ♦ CARNEROS

2020 Unoaked Chardonnay, Estate Selection



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 2020 growing season will certainly be remembered for years to come. As everyone huddled safely indoors to avoid the pandemic, our grapevines began their growing season by enjoying a dry, warm winter. The beautiful weather continued through spring and summer, with excellent ripening conditions allowing for an early harvest.

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

6 months

Harvest Date

August 28, 2020

Bottling Date

March 31, 2021

Maturation

100% stainless steel

PH

3.4

TA

6.5 g/L

RS

0 g/L

Alcohol

13.8%

Production

500 cases (750ml)

Suggested Retail

\$35