

PROFILE

COLLECTION

2020 SILHOUETTE CHARDONNAY

BLEND

100% Chardonnay

APPELLATION

Napa Valley

VINEYARD

100% Stanly Ranch Estate
Vineyard, Block 2A

TA

6.7 g/L

PH

3.31

HARVEST DATE

September 4th

COOPERAGE

50% new French Burgundian oak

ÉLEVAGE

19 months

ALCOHOL

14.5%



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WINEMAKING

Silhouette is a limited production white wine worthy of a collector's cellar. This hallmark Chardonnay captures the Schlatter Family's vision of crafting an old-world style white wine from Napa Valley. Since the first vintage in 1993, we have selected our very best Chardonnay lots for the Silhouette bottling. This vintage is no exception. Sourced from the best Chardonnay block in the historic Stanly Ranch Vineyard on the Napa side of the Carneros AVA, our Silhouette is a uniquely captivating wine. Meticulously crafted using time honored old world techniques, the gentle native barrel fermentation allows for the full expression of the fruit, resulting in a wine that is elegantly balanced, refined, and complex.

Hand harvested at night to retain vibrant acidity, the grapes for Silhouette were whole cluster pressed to a temperature controlled stainless steel tank to settle the juice, then racked into French oak barrels the following day. The winemaking techniques were classic Burgundian—spontaneous native yeast barrel fermentation, gentle bâtonnage and natural malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged for 19 months on fine lees in 50% new French Burgundian oak barrels, and was racked once before bottling.

VINTAGE

The 2020 season will be remembered for factors beyond the normal measurements. It was a warm, dry winter and we didn't start to see rain and cold weather until the end of March. A mild spring season gave us a great early start, and summer brought very cool mornings and very warm days. This build-up to harvest was interrupted by two wildfires as we turned to the fall. The white wine harvest started early August and the wines have developed excellently, reflecting the fine vintage year.

SENSORY IMPRESSIONS

The 2020 Silhouette is everything we love about great Chardonnay—bright, fresh, full, complex, long and delicious. Barrel fermented with native yeasts in the classic Burgundian style, the wine is unctuous and full while expressing the bright acidity of the cool Carneros appellation. Lemon curd, hazelnuts, orange blossoms, and jasmine delight aromatically and on the palate as the wine evolves in the glass. This is a complex Chardonnay, with layers of flavor dancing on the taut line of natural acidity. The long, balanced finish both satisfies and entices—this is a deeply enjoyable wine. An excellent food companion, the wine is also stunning on its own and will continue to evolve over the next 10+ years.