

# DUCKHORN

VINEYARDS

## 2021 NAPA VALLEY CARNEROS CHARDONNAY HUICHICA HILLS VINEYARD

This Chardonnay comes from the historic Huichica Hills Vineyard in the cool heart of Carneros. Grown in clay loam soils with ideal east-west row orientations, Huichica Hills' developed Chardonnay vines produce small clusters and berries, resulting in beautiful concentration and complexity. Fermented on the lees in the finest French oak, the result is a crisp, mineral-driven wine, alluring layers of Anjou pear, white nectarine and citrus blossom.

### VINTAGE NOTES

Despite an unusually dry winter and warm spring, budbreak was delayed due to light rain in March. The overall lack of rainfall led to light clusters and small berries, which resulted in reduced yields and great concentration. Harvest began on August 5th with Semillon, and early heat generated a fast and furious first few weeks of picking. A much-needed mid-September cool-down allowed for sugars to realign with flavor development. Moderate temperatures continued throughout the rest of the season, providing additional hangtime for the grapes. Our last red grapes were harvested before the rains in late October, resulting in beautiful wines that are dense, pure and polished.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

This alluring wine offers a tantalizing bouquet of pear, white peach and lime zest aromas, with a hint of limestone minerality. On the palate this wine is bright and luscious, with a silky mouthfeel and generous flavors of lemon curd, stone fruit and jasmine that linger throughout a long, supple finish.

### WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Carneros
SUB-APPELLATIONS	Napa Valley
VINEYARDS	Huichica Hills Vineyard
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Chardonnay
FERMENTATION & AGING	Aged for 10 months in 100% French oak 22% new, 38% second vintage, 40% neutral
MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION	22%
ALCOHOL	14.3%
PH	3.48
ACIDITY	0.55 g/100ml



### THE DUCKHORN PORTFOLIO



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