



# RAMEY

*Chardonnay*

HYDE VINEYARD

NAPA VALLEY - CARNEROS

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## VINEYARD

<b>Appellation</b>	Napa-Carneros
<b>Site</b>	Hyde Vineyard is situated on gently rolling slopes of the Carneros appellation, on the Napa side. Summer temperatures are kept relatively cool by marine air flowing through the Petaluma Gap. Ancient creek beds provide drainage and add a scattering of rocks.
<b>Soil</b>	The soils are quite heavy Haire Clay Loam about 30 inches deep with impenetrable clay subsoil which limits vine vigor and crop yield.
<b>Clonal Selection</b>	Wente, Robert Young and Long field selections.
<b>Planted</b>	The Ramey Wine Cellars blocks of Chardonnay were planted between 1980 and 1999.

## VINTAGE

<b>Growing Season</b>	2007 was a mild year overall, with early bud break and fruit set due to warmer winter and spring temperatures. The growing season was cooler than average with few heat spikes, leading to an evenly paced harvest. Due to a dry winter, berries of all varietals were smaller and more concentrated. The result was a slow, steady harvest of exceptional quality, with wines showing great intensity and structure.
<b>Brix   Harvest Dates</b>	24.36° average   August 29 <sup>th</sup> and September 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup>

## WINEMAKING

<b>Varietal Composition</b>	100% Chardonnay
<b>Fermentation</b>	We press the whole clusters for delicacy. Native-yeast and full native malolactic fermentation take place in barrel, with <i>sur lies bâtonnage</i> .
<b>Aging</b>	After aging 19 months in 60% new French & Hungarian oak barrels (François Frères, Louis Latour and Trust Hungarian), this Chardonnay was fined and settled in tank following the next harvest. It was then bottled without filtration.
<b>Cases</b>	1,795
<b>Alcohol</b>	14.5%

*“Vine selection for our Hyde Vineyard wines are old Wente, Robert Young and Long Vineyards. The Wente produces a classic, Burgundian-style wine without the tropical fruit tones of some California Chardonnays. The Long Vineyards selection adds a floral note, and the Hyde Vineyard wines often seem charming and feminine. High natural acidity plays a prominent role.” – David Ramey*

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