



# RAMEY

*Chardonnay*

HYDE VINEYARD

NAPA VALLEY - CARNEROS

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## VINEYARD

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| <b>Appellation</b>      | Napa-Carneros  |
| <b>Site</b>             | Hyde Vineyard is situated on gently rolling slopes of the Carneros District, 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 in 1991 and 1997.   |

## VINTAGE

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| <b>Growing Season</b>       | 2013 summed up to be a perfect vintage with clear sunny days and cool evenings. This produced a long, moderate growing season with extended hang time and even ripening, resulting in a full range of flavors while retaining natural acidity. |
| <b>Harvest Dates   Brix</b> | August 26 to September 18   23.3° average  |

## WINEMAKING

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| <b>Varietal Composition</b> | 100% Chardonnay  |
| <b>Fermentation</b>         | We press whole grape clusters for phenolic delicacy. Native-yeast and full native malolactic fermentation take place in barrel, with <i>sur lies bâtonnage</i> . |
| <b>Aging</b>                | After aging 18 months in 30% new François Frères French oak barrels, this Chardonnay was fined and settled in tank. It was then bottled without filtration.      |
| <b>Cases   Alcohol</b>      | 1,160   14.5%  |
| <b>Release Date   Price</b> | March 2016   \$65  |

*“Vine selection for our Hyde Vineyard Chardonnays are predominantly old Wente with some Robert Young—itsself a Wente selection. The Wente produces a classic, Burgundian-style wine without the tropical fruit tones of some California Chardonnays. Hyde Vineyard wines often seem charming and feminine, with high natural acidity playing a prominent role.” – David Ramey*

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