



RAMEY

Chardonnay

HYDE VINEYARD

NAPA VALLEY - CARNEROS

VINEYARD

Appellation	Napa-Carneros
Site	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.
Soil	The soils are quite heavy Haire Clay Loam about 30 inches deep with impenetrable clay subsoil which limits vine vigor and crop yield.
Clonal Selection	Wente, Robert Young and Long field selections.
Planted	The Ramey Wine Cellars blocks of Chardonnay were planted between 1980 and 1999.

VINTAGE

Growing Season	2011 was an exceptional year for Chardonnay—exceptionally cool, that is. Chilly and wet through spring, bud break was delayed two weeks or so in most of our vineyards. Temperatures remained cool through bloom and set and on into harvest. Since Chardonnay is an early season variety, it (along with Pinot Noir) is a grape that can reach maturity in a cooler season. Our 2011's are elegant expressions of a cool vintage, displaying the richness of fully mature fruit coupled with crisp, refreshing acidity.
Brix Harvest Dates	23.7° average September 22 and 30

WINEMAKING

Varietal Composition	100% Chardonnay
Fermentation	We press the whole clusters for delicacy. Native-yeast and full native malolactic fermentation take place in barrel, with <i>sur lies bâtonnage</i> .
Aging	After aging 21 months in 45% new French oak barrels (François Frères and Demptos), this Chardonnay was fined and settled in tank following the next harvest. It was then bottled without filtration.
Cases Release Date	910 August 2014
Alcohol	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