

# DUCKHORN®

VINEYARDS

## 2020 NAPA VALLEY CHARDONNAY

At Duckhorn Vineyards, we have been making wine using grapes from the finest Napa Valley vineyards for over 40 years. Building on this rich history, our Napa Valley Chardonnay comes from the coolest regions. In the cellar, we applied classic techniques of French oak barrel fermentation with lees stirring, resulting in a Chardonnay that balances the complexity and richness of Napa Valley.

### VINTAGE NOTES

In terms of overall weather, most of the 2020 growing season was excellent. Following a relatively dry winter, budbreak started early, and the temperatures throughout spring and summer were mild and temperate. This allowed the grapes to ripen slowly, developing pure, vibrant flavors and supple, fleshy textures. In late September, harvest was impacted by the outbreak of wildfires and the arrival of hot weather. The elevated temperatures gave many vineyards a final push to ripeness as we worked to bring in the grapes. During this period, we did extensive testing to ensure quality, excluding any fruit that did not meet our standards. While our meticulous selection process resulted in a smaller 2020 crop, the wines we produced live up to the Duckhorn name, displaying beautiful aromas, soft elegant textures, lively complexity and lush flavors.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

This alluring wine displays a lovely bouquet of fresh orange blossom, pear, vanilla and white peach, with subtle layers of lime zest and candied pineapple emerging as it opens up. The palate is lively and bright, revealing energetic layers of fruit and flowers with hints of toasted brioche and crushed rock lingering throughout a long, lush finish.

### WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Napa Valley
SUB-APPELLATIONS	Los Carneros, Napa Valley, Oak Knoll District, Saint Helena, Atlas Peak
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Chardonnay
FERMENTATION & AGING	95% barrel fermented, 5% tank fermented Aged in 100% French oak 40% new, 30% second vintage, 30% neutral
MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION	35%
ALCOHOL	14.1%
PH	3.65
ACIDITY	0.54 g/100 ml



### THE DUCKHORN PORTFOLIO



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