

VARIETAL COLLECTION

# Chardonnay

2020

Vintage:	Twelvth
Composition:	100% Chardonnay
Clone:	4 and Old Wente Selection
Appellation:	Coombsville, Napa Valley, CA
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard Estate, Established 1981
Vineyard Blocks:	Caldwell 4 and 5, and Haynes
Yield:	3.0 Tons per Acre on Average
Average Vine Age:	29 Years
Grape Varieties:	See Composition Section
Rootstock:	St. George and 5C
Harvest Date:	Multiple

Vintage Summary: The 2020 Vintage was mostly identified by the fires here in Napa Valley, though luckily we picked all our whites and rosés before they started. A shorter, warmer growing season than the previous two seasons, 2020 appears to be showing traits in the wines similar to 2017. The whites started pouring in the winery with the rosés almost two and a half weeks earlier than 2019, but already at optimal sugars and with a full spectrum of flavors.

Fermentation:	French Oak Barrels
Yeast:	Multiple
ML Bacteria:	None
Wood Origin:	100% French Oak (Allier, Tronçais, Vosges)
Aging:	10 Months
New Oak Barrels:	50%
Fining:	None
Filtering:	Filtered
Alcohol:	14.5%
Bottling Date:	August 30, 2021

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: The 2020 VCB Chardonnay is aromatically full with loads of white peach, honeysuckle, chamomile, and a hint of brioche. The palate is driven mostly by the opulence one would expect to find in Caldwell wines, yet with a brightness on the fruit that carries the wine beautifully through the broad finish.

Cellaring:	Now – 5 Years
Production:	150 Cases
Price:	\$60/750ml

