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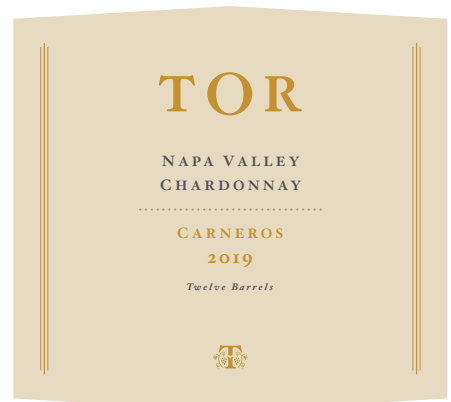
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CHARDONNAY
NAPA VALLEY CARNEROS
2019

VINEYARDS This wine is barrel selected from two historic Chardonnay vineyards Hyde and Beresini, and are all variations of the Wente Clones selected by Larry Hyde. Beresini comes from the mother block (the oldest Wente vines) that is now the source for the HdV top bottlings. This vineyard is over 30 years old now. The Hyde block of the Wente Clone comes from “Old Wente” or “Hyde Wente” clone which Larry Hyde got directly from the Wente brothers in Livermore.

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WINEMAKING The fruit from each vineyards were picked separately at their individual optimum ripeness levels and pressed directly to barrel for fermentation relying on the natural yeasts from the vineyard. The small French oak cooperage is a mix of Damy for its contribution of “walking into Parisian bakery” aromas, Saury for its gentle spice and a little Francois Frere. Malolactics in 2018 took 6-9 months contributing nuanced complexity and textural depth. For this wine we selected the most citrus, floral, crisp, mineral barrels and bottled them early August after 11 months maturation. This wine is completely unfiltered, so they throw off a little sediment. That is why we highly recommend sitting up for several days before reviewing. It makes a big difference.



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WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES This beautiful and flirtatious wine has a nose of Meyer lemon, baked golden apple and raw honeycomb. Textured and lively, the palate is layered with dried pineapple and pear with refreshing hints of crushed river stone. The lengthy, finish lingers with lemon peel and clover honey notes to round out a balanced and pure Chardonnay.

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VINTAGE The 2019 Vintage was exceptional for all our wines, in particular the Chardonnays. They are showing they belong in the same conversation as our highly regarded Cabernets. The growing season started warm and finished moderate, we had cool mornings and perfectly bright warm days but very few extreme heat days. This allowed the Chardonnays to stay on the vine a little longer than normal and retain impeccable freshness. There is a vibrant and elevated sense about these wines. When combined with the texture and richness you come to expect from barrel fermenting in mostly new French oak is a sensory dream. This vintage could be our very best Chardonnay showing to date. The 2019 Vintage is expressive and accessible right away but most definitely cellar worth and will only improve over the next decade.

CASES PRODUCED: 300

RETAIL BOTTLE PRICE: \$55

