

# SIGNORELLO

## ESTATE

### 2021 HOPE'S CUVÉE CHARDONNAY

APPELLATION:	100% Napa Valley Estate
BLEND:	100% Chardonnay
TOTAL ACIDITY:	5.1 g/L
PH:	3.61 RS: 2.2 g/L
ALCOHOL:	14.5%
PRODUCTION:	466 cases

*Hope's Cuvée Chardonnay showcases our utmost dedication to excellence, named in honor of my mother, Hope Signorello. It benefits from an intimate understanding of our 5.12 acre parcel on the west side of our hill. Planted 40 years ago with clonal selections from one of the region's earliest outstanding vineyards, it is now one of the oldest Chardonnay vineyards in Napa Valley. Night-time hand-harvesting into small trays protects the varietal's refined and delicate flavors. This naturally fermented, unfinned & unfiltered Chardonnay can be enjoyed over the next 15 years.*

#### ACCOLADES:

#### 98 POINTS

There are just 400 to 500 cases of the 2021 Chardonnay Hope's Cuvée, a riveting Napa Valley Chardonnay from this team that's just about as good as it gets. Seeing partial malolactic fermentation and aging in 50% new French oak, it tastes like a great Montrachet with its ripe lemon, spicy wood, honeysuckle, and white flower aromatics. Medium to full-bodied on the palate, it has a concentrated, textured style, beautiful balance, and a great finish. If you get a chance to try a bottle, don't miss it. It should keep for a decade. - *Jeb Dunnuck, Feb 2023*

#### WINEMAKING NOTES:

The Chardonnay was picked in three different picks – the original vines from the 1980s were picked first, the younger, replanted vines as a separate lot and a lot for clone differences picked later allowing fruit to ripen perfectly for all sections. The fruit was whole cluster pressed and barrel fermented with native microflora. To preserve acidity and freshness, the wines were stopped at 50% malolactic fermentation. The wines were aged sur lie in 50% new oak with batonnage for 8 months prior to bottling. Barrel fermentation and ageing was conducted in both regular Burgundy format 228L barrels and larger 500L puncheons.

#### VINTAGE NOTES:

2021 came as a welcome relief on the heels of a stressful 2020 vintage. It was recorded as one of the driest years with limited rainfalls supply. Cool nights and full sun days with no danger of major heat spikes, resulted in a small crop but with near perfect flavor development and concentration. The resulting wines are well structured, showing power and fine quality tannin expressions. Their complexity will continue to unveil over the next few decades.

