

# THE VICE

CHARDONNAY, SINGLE VINEYARD CARNEROS,  
NAPA VALLEY, 2020

BATCH #100 "The Napa Dream"

In 2009, Torie and I visited Napa for the first time and dreamt of becoming Napa Valley Vintners. In 2013, we renamed that dream "The Vice". It all started with a Chardonnay Batch #1. Here we are 10 years later, with Batch #100, a Chardonnay dedicated to the Napa Valley community that allowed us to make our dream a reality."  
*Malek Amrani*

## 2020 VINTAGE

The quintessential growing conditions from March to August made us believe we were on track for a perfect harvest. Until Monday August 17<sup>th</sup>, as we kicked started 2020 harvest, countless of thunders scorched Napa and triggered series of fires. Luckily, our Chardonnay was picked before the smoke colonized Napa sky and made it the crush pad under perfect conditions.

## VINEYARD

Located at the far eastern edge of Los Carneros AVA, this Certified Napa Green vineyard is considered by the locals as a historic landmark in Carneros and Napa Valley.

## HARVEST + FERMENTATION

Hand harvested the night of Tuesday August 18<sup>th</sup>, the grapes made it the crash pad before sunrise. After destemming, we gently pressed the grapes and let natural yeast fermentation take place in used oak barrels. 2 of out of the 8 barrels underwent Malo-lactic fermentation while the rest was immediately racked into the finest new French oak barrels.

## TASTING NOTES

Gold in color from the extensive new French oak barrels aging lures you to reach for the glass. Opulent aromas of butterscotch, warm apple pie and vanilla rush you to take your first sip. You'll first be greeted with ample concentration and structure, starting off creamy and pulling back with bright acidity that cleans your palate. Rich impression of apple, almond, and baking spice reminiscent of pastry keeps you going back for more. Lemon curd, cloves and cinnamon stretch for minutes in this lengthy finish.

Pairs with a wide range of food choices, although you are always allowed to act as a Napa local and sport this wine for breakfast or as a late-night dessert.

- 100 % Unfiltered Chardonnay
- 30 months in 8 new French Oak barrels
- Alcohol: 13.4%

