

# SIGNORELLO

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## 2020 HOPE'S CUVÉE CHARDONNAY

APPELLATION:	100% Napa Valley Estate
BLEND:	100% Chardonnay
TOTAL ACIDITY:	5.2 g/L
PH:	3.51 RS: 2.4 g/L
ALCOHOL:	14.1%
PRODUCTION:	410 cases
ACCOLADES:	92 points - James Suckling, Nov. 2021 92 points - Wine Spectator, July 2022 93 points - The Wine Advocate, May 2023

*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, unfined & unfiltered Chardonnay can be enjoyed over the next 15 years.*

### TASTING NOTES:

The 2020 Hope's Cuvée Chardonnay is a bright, vibrant expression of the Chardonnay fruit from our oldest estate block. Rich, generous and full bodied, the wine strikes at you right from the first note. The nose greets you with grilled pineapple, juicy mango, honeysuckle, lemon curds, orange blossom and nuanced oak integration. A creamy texture balanced with soft acidity leads to a long, persisting finish of peaches, gooseberries, brioche and toasted nuts. A complex wine that reflects the history of our 40 year old vineyard block, this will leave you enthralled and captivated.

### 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:

2020 will be remembered as the vintage that marked the resilience and dedication of our teams and of vintners in the valley. As a vintage, it will be remembered as a warm, dry year with rapid fruit maturity development. A series of heat waves through the summer led to generous, expressive fruit aromatics and concentrated tannin development. The 2020 vintage marked a rare scarcity for Signorello Estate. Due to the devastating fires, we bottled the Chardonnay as our only estate wine.

