



2019 RED SHOULDER RANCH® CHARDONNAY

NAPA VALLEY • CARNEROS

<i>Release Date</i>	May 15, 2021
<i>Vineyard Location</i>	Shafer's Red Shoulder Ranch estate vineyard in Carneros
<i>The 2018 Growing Season</i>	The long, sunny 2019 summer created a beautiful growing season for our Chardonnay. The fruit developed bright color and clean, elegant, and pure aromas and flavors.
<i>Brix at Harvest</i>	22.8° - 25.0°
<i>Fermentation</i>	Whole-cluster pressed and fermented with wild yeast in individual barrels (75% oak, 25% stainless steel); 0% malolactic fermentation
<i>Cooperage</i>	14 months in 75% new French oak barrels (Allier, Vosges) and 25% in stainless steel barrels
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.9%



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Shafer's single-vineyard Carneros-grown Chardonnay is produced from small-clustered clones of grapes selected for their low yields and distinctive flavors. Fermentation takes place within individual oak and stainless steel barrels using native yeasts. The wine matures on the lees for 14 months and since it undergoes no malolactic fermentation this Chardonnay retains a lively natural acidity. The vineyard is named for its Red-shouldered Hawks and other birds of prey, who play an important role in Shafer's sustainable farming practices.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

"No matter what time of year you open this wine, you'll have a taste of summer in Napa Valley. Lush aromatics fill the glass with white flowers, lemon zest, honeysuckle, clove, and flint. There is a rich balance of liveliness and density in the mouth with abundant flavors of apricot, white melon, grapefruit peel, ripe pineapple, and minerality, with a beautiful finish that goes on and on." — ELIAS FERNANDEZ

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

"This is a perennially impressive wine ..." — VIRGINIE BOONE, WINE ENTHUSIAST

SHAFER VINEYARDS

Shafer Vineyards is a 30,000-case family owned winery in Napa Valley's Stags Leap District. The Shafers own and farm 200 acres of estate vineyards, sources for Shafer's Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Malbec, Merlot, Syrah, and Petite Sirah.