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2021 ROWEN CHARDONNAY
SONOMA COUNTY

96 PTS

BEST WINTER WHITES

"This white comes from precious stock: old Wente Chardonnay clone and Hyde Vineyards budwood, for example. This is Rowen Wine Company's first vintage of this variety, aged in half French oak and half stainless-steel egg, the fruit is borne off a vineyard at 1800 feet in elevation off the ruggedly steep, red-soiled Cooley Ranch in unincorporated Sonoma County. Feather light, with a sleek mouthfeel, notes of lemon sorbet and white flower petals melt across the palate, while marzipan and peach blossom persist aromatically. You can smell and taste the salty air that blows through the vines." - M.M.

