

HILARY *Goldschmidt*

CHARMING CREEK
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
OAKVILLE • NAPA VALLEY



The Story

Reminding him of all the things he had forgotten, Nick and his youngest daughter Hilary, share a love of learning and challenge. Careful site-specific winemaking and meticulous attention to detail creates a rare Cabernet Sauvignon. This limited release wine from Oakville, like Hilary, will grow gracefully with age, but remain rich and youthful in personality.

The Vineyard

The Oakville district is the heart and soul of Napa Valley Cabernet. Where the coolness of the south meets up-valley warmth in perfect equilibrium. The Charming Creek vineyard is located on Route 29, just north of Oakville Cross Rd. The old Clone 7 Cabernet Sauvignon vines here give perfumed aromatics but also silkiness, deep color, power, and richness. Also, typical of Clone 7, the wines age very gracefully while showing good acidity and structure when older.

The Vintage

The 2021 vintage was one of the longest ripening seasons for the past two decades. Seasons are starting earlier due to a lack of water, creating early warm Spring soil temperatures. This is evened out with the August cooling trend at veraison. However, the heat spike over Mother's Day weekend restricted the berry expansion. Yields were lighter with small berries and small clusters. All this led to unusually dense concentration.

The Wine

This highly acclaimed vineyard produces classic wine with dark cassis and blackberry notes. The mouth has fresh black cherry and dark plum flavors. It is reminiscent of a fine Bordeaux from left bank Pauillac. Its fine-grained tannins are strong, yet polished, making it wonderful for drinking today or for saving for a special occasion in the future. Pair with a filet of beef, Osso Bucco, or lamb lollipops with rosemary demi-glaze.

The Scores

2019: 91	JAMES SUCKLING
2019: 90	<i>Wine Spectator</i>
2018: 92	<i>Wine Spectator</i>
2017: 92	<i>Wine Spectator</i>
2016: 93	<i>Wine Spectator</i>



Hilary and Nick Goldschmidt



Location of the Charming Creek Vineyard in Oakville



Cabernet Sauvignon clusters hang in the vineyard prior to harvest

