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2013 Ram's Gate Chardonnay Hyde Vineyard – 96 Points

“Hailing from one of California’s esteemed Chardonnay sites and a wine that bristles with fruity energy, the Hyde Vineyard bottling is a complete, fully ripe rendering that is the tightest, most firmly built of Ram’s Gate’s many outstanding offerings. It is long on extract and stuffing, yet it is far from fully expressed and demands no fewer than another three or four years of age before blooming and beginning to fully show the richness and range that it merely hints at just now. It is a no-miss proposition and should last for a very long time.”

-Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine

2013 Ram's Gate Chardonnay Durell Vineyard – 94 Points

“Another noteworthy success in Ram’s Gate’s roster of impressive 2013s, this potent and impeccably crafted Chardonnay earns high marks for its extraordinary depth and structure. Its optimally ripened fruit holds sway every step of the way and is joined by wholly sympathetic oak that adds an extra dimension of richness without being overly flashy or sweet. Full-bodied but balanced and showing terrific length, **this is a wine that deserves a place in the cellar and ranks among the very best bottlings from the Durell Vineyard that we can recall.**”

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2013 Ram's Gate Estate Chardonnay – 92 Points

“Here, again, is a Chardonnay that impresses for its intensity, its depth and its unmistakable richness, but it mimics its mates in being sturdy and structured along comparatively firm lines and is a bit backward and youthfully rigid. It is nonetheless very well-filled and convincingly fruity with nicely joined elements of rich oak and touches of sweet butter, and, although drinkable with richer entrees in the shorter term, it is guaranteed to find more polish and better integration of its parts if allowed to rest quietly for another year or two.”

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2013 Ram's Gate Chardonnay Green Acres Vineyard – 91 Points

“Sweet, close to unctuous, ripe apple fruit is joined by a full complement of creamy oak in the outgoing aromas and wide-open flavors here, and, if reasonably well-balanced given its marked inclinations to ripeness and size, this one stands apart as being far less tightly framed than its cellarmates. It is not in danger of growing old anytime soon, but it is the one of the clan to tag for drinking first and shares the family traits of richness and fine fruity depth.”

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