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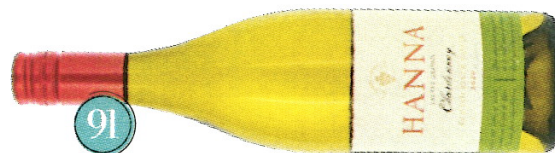


Grgich Hills Estate, Napa Valley, California 2020

RS 96 EE 93 BG 95

£57.75 Available at independents via UK agent ABS Wine Agencies Mike Grgich, who turned 100 in April 2023, emigrated from Croatia to California in 1958 and worked his way up as a winemaker until, in 1973, he produced the Chateau Montelena Chardonnay that triumphed in the 1976 Judgement of Paris tasting. His own winery, then Grgich Hills Cellar, was founded as a partnership in 1977. Grown near San Pablo Bay, the estate Chardonnay is fermented and aged in barrels and foudres, 40%

of which are new French oak. RS Gunflint reductive nose with green cardamom, cucumber skin, oyster shell and seaweed. Smoky subtle oak. Lean, tight and mineral. EE Hints of citrus and caramel with a touch of vanilla on the nose. Creamy and vibrant with beautiful citrus and balanced acidity. BG Struck match, toast and lime aromas. The palate is firm and citrusy, holding tight through a citrus and pineapple finish. Drink 2023-2030 Alc 13.5%



Hanna, Russian River Valley, California 2020

RS 93 EE 89 BG 91

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Lime leaf, pea shoots, lemon and green apple aromas. Big and full with a Meursault-like elegance, rich mango, apricot and fresh figs. Drink 2023-2030 Alc 14%