



# SAINTSBURY

2018

## *Sangiacomo Green Acres Chardonnay*

### *Tasting Notes*

An opulent nose is echoed in flavors of green pineapple, lemon curd, fresh citrus zest, tangerines and butterscotch lifted by a spine of fresh acidity. The linear mouthfeel gives way to a crème brûlée finish, all indicative of the cool climes and old-vine complexity found in the Green Acres blocks.

### *Vineyards*

This bottling comes from the Green Acres blocks of the Sangiacomo Family Vineyard. Considered the Chardonnay sweet-spot of their plantings, these older vines give us deep complexity and added concentration resulting in powerful and balanced Chardonnays.

**APPELLATION:** Carneros  
**CLONES:** Robert Young, Beresini, Cabral, Catarina, Old Wente, Dijon 76, 95, 809, 548  
**TERROIR:** The Sangiacomo vineyards are found in western Carneros, known for their loam and clay soils and a mixture of flat land and rolling hillsides, which has the reliable marine fog that rolls in most every evening and burns off mid-morning.



### *Vintage 2018*

A cold off-season with plentiful rainfall led into a warmer spring. Slightly delayed bud break led to a mild, slow-ripening summer with no major heat spikes, providing near-ideal ripening conditions through to harvest.

**HARVEST:** With little pressure due to weather, we were able to spread our harvest over a 30 day period.

### *Winemaking*

After night harvesting, the Chardonnay fruit arrives at Saintsbury within the hour of its pick. The clusters are sorted and transferred directly to a gentle, whole cluster press. The settled juice then goes to barrel for fermentation. During its 8 months in French oak barrels, we employ bâtonnage to ensure a complex and well-balanced wine.

**AGING:** 8 months in 10% new French oak barrels.  
**ALCOHOL:** 13.9%  
**PRODUCTION:** 264 cases  
**RETAIL:** \$54

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Saintsbury is a leading producer of fine Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

