



SAINTSBURY

2017 CARNEROS CHARDONNAY



VINEYARDS

When sourcing Chardonnay fruit, we seek those Carneros vineyards that offer diversity in both aspect and clonal selection. The result is a complex and vibrant Chardonnay most reflective of the Carneros region.

Appellation: Carneros

Clones: Robert Young, Beresini, Cabral, Catarina, Old Wente, Dijon 76, 95, 809, 548

Terroir: Carneros is known for its loam and clay soils and a mixture of flat land and rolling hillsides, which has the reliable marine fog that rolls in every evening and burns off mid-morning.

VINTAGE 2017

A cold off-season with plentiful rainfall led into a warmer spring. Summer continued with warmer weather, leading to steady ripening through the end of the growing season.

Harvest: With little pressure due to weather, we were able to spread our harvest over a 40 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. The wine was bottled in June and finished with a Stelvin screwcap closure.

Aging: 8 months in 10% new French oak barrels.

Alcohol: 13.5%

Production: 5,084 cases

Retail Price: \$30

90 Points – Wine Enthusiast

TASTING NOTES

Zesty notes of lime, kumquats and green pineapple, with powdered lily aromas. On the palate this wine is energetic from the start with tangy citrus, white peach and cloves.

Suggested Pairings: Braised chicken thighs with Meyer lemons and olives, whole grilled fish, and Cowgirl Creamery Mt. Tam or Cabot Clothbound Cheddar cheeses.

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