



Sangiacomo Chardonnay



Tasting Notes

Lightly textured with a bright, crisp acidity. The nose is filled with aromas of green apple, pear, and citrus. The palate is clean and refreshing, with a subtle hint of vanilla and oak. The finish is long and elegant, with a slight sweetness that lingers on the tongue.

Vineyards

The Sangiacomo vineyards are located in the heart of the Carneros region, known for its rich, loamy soils and rolling hillsides. The vines are planted in a traditional layout, with rows of grapevines stretching across the landscape. The climate is ideal for growing Chardonnay, with a long growing season and a reliable marine fog that helps to ripen the fruit.

Vintage

This vintage was exceptional, with a perfect balance of acidity and ripeness. The grapes were harvested at their peak, resulting in a wine with a complex and well-balanced flavor profile. The wine is a true reflection of the Sangiacomo terroir, with a subtle sweetness and a long, elegant finish.

HARVEST: Hand picked early September.

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 9 months in French oak barrels, we employ *bâtonnage* to ensure a complex and well-balanced wine.

APPELLATION: Carneros, Sonoma

CLONES: Robert Young, Catarina, Old Wente, Dijon 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 almost every evening and burns off mid-morning.

AGING: 9 months in 5% new French oak - combination of barrels and *puncheons*.

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

PRODUCTION: 2,801 cases

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