



Girard

2020 CHARDONNAY
CARNEROS

VINTAGE NOTES

A dry winter was followed by warmer-than-average summer temperatures. Fruit set was even, with small, concentrated berries and clusters. Late summer heat and winds further concentrated the intensity of fruit flavors. Against a backdrop of pandemic and regional fires, harvest 2020 shaped up to be one of the most challenging in memory. We harvested far less fruit than we would have liked, but that which we did pick and craft into wine was of exceptional quality. Each lot was handpicked, crushed and pressed, then racked, blended and aged 10 months in 100% French oak.

VINEYARD NOTES

This Chardonnay hails from the cool climate region of “Los Carneros” also known as Carneros (Spanish for “rams”). Carneros is an American Viticultural Area which includes parts of both Sonoma and Napa counties located north of San Pablo Bay. The proximity to the San Pablo Bay delivers cool fog and afternoon breeze which keeps Carneros cooler and more moderate than the wine regions farther north in Napa Valley. The cooler climate has made Carneros attractive for the cultivation of cooler climate varietals like Chardonnay and is a blend of several famous Chardonnay clones: Dijon, Wente & Robert Young.

TASTING NOTES

Bold oak toast, Meyer lemon and crushed rock minerality waft from the glass. Medium weight and creamy textured, flavors of white peach, yellow apple, lemon meringue pie, and hints of sea spray flood the palate and mingle on the long finish. Big in its youth, this wine is enjoyable now and will reward those patient enough to cellar it away for a few years.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 100% Chardonnay

APPELLATION Los Carneros | OAK AGING 10 months *sur lies* in French oak, 35% new

ALCOHOL 14.1% | pH 3.37 | TA 4.8 g/L | Residual Sugar .4 /g/L | PRODUCTION 500 cases produced