



2019 TRUCHARD VINEYARD

Chardonnay, Carneros, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Truchard Vineyard lies in the heart of Carneros, prized for its rolling hills, sun exposure and cool, breezy conditions that allow long, even ripening. Nickel & Nickel makes wine from eight select sections of this 270-acre vineyard, composed of volcanic ash and rock with a southwestern exposure. The growing season tends to be long in this cooler area, allowing for fully mature fruit at harvest.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2019 growing season started with copious amounts of rainfall, followed by a long, warm spring with cool nights and foggy mornings. Full water tables and reservoirs allowed us to use minimal irrigation throughout the season. Mild temperatures persisted through June and July, and this cooler Carneros vineyard enjoyed a long, beautiful bloom and fruit set. August arrived and brought lovely temperate weather, which continued into spring, allowing us to harvest each block at optimal ripeness. The fruit that came into the winery showed incredible freshness and flavor.

SENSORY EVALUATION

A fragrant perfume of honeysuckle, tropical pineapple and crushed stone opens onto flavors of fresh pear, peach blossom, and subtle spice. Cool minerality and bright acidity balance the generous, silky palate and lift a finish that is long and full.

APPELLATION
Carneros, Napa Valley

VARIETAL
100% Chardonnay

AGING
French oak barrels
(40% new, 60% once-used)

RELEASE DATE
December 2020

HARVEST DATES
September 23–28, 2019

FERMENTATION
Whole cluster pressed
barrel fermented (no ML)

TIME
17 months

FIRST VINTAGE
2000