



2022 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 beginning of the 2022 growing season was exceptionally mild, with budbreak kicking off in March. By May, the vines began to demonstrate strong shoot growth and average crop yields ahead of veraison in mid-July. While we welcomed a few heat spikes during the summer months, our proactive approach to vineyard management allowed us to not be negatively impacted and we maintained great quality through heat mitigation preparation, including the use of shade cloths and misting systems, among others. Our first day of harvest kicked off on August 29th. As the grapes were harvested, the wine showed excellent balanced acidity and freshness with great flavors.

SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2022 Truchard Chardonnay exhibits a vibrant perfume of honeysuckle, tropical pineapple and crushed stone. Upon entry, gorgeous flavors of fresh pear, peach blossom, and subtle spice excite the senses. 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
(30% new, 70% once-used)

RELEASE DATE

Fall 2023

HARVEST DATES

August 29 – September 15, 2022

FERMENTATION

Whole cluster pressed
barrel fermented (no ML)

TIME

10 months

FIRST VINTAGE

2000