



2021 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 14 select acres 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

From the dry winter and spring to a long, mild summer that continued into the harvest months, the 2021 growing season was one of beautiful consistency. Strong spring winds brought mild shatter to our vines during flowering; coupled with the dry conditions and minimal irrigation, grape yields were small and concentrated. With moderate temperatures throughout summer and early fall, and no heat spikes or early rains, the Chardonnay that came into the winery showed stunning aromatics and unbelievable flavor. We picked two sections of our Chardonnay blocks early, to preserve the natural freshness and acidity of our Carneros fruit. We picked the remaining blocks one to two weeks later, which allowed the fruit to gain additional ripeness, tropical aromatics and textural richness.

SENSORY EVALUATION

This golden-hued vintage strikes the most beautiful balance between freshness and tropical lushness. Aromas of lemon peel and melon captivate the nose, while silky pear, peach blossom and melon flavors cascade across a palate that is at once creamy and lifted. The finish is lively and bright, with juicy acidity, whispers of lightly toasted oak and a refreshing minerality.

APPELLATION

Carneros, Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Chardonnay

AGING

10 months in French oak, 30%
new

RELEASE DATE

Fall 2022

HARVEST DATES

September 3-17, 2021

SKIN CONTACT

Whole cluster pressed barrel
fermented (no ML)

ALCOHOL

14.2%

FIRST VINTAGE

2000