

WINERY

# LOS CARNEROS CHARDONNAY

Our Los Carneros Chardonnay is the wine that started it all back in 1997. True to its inaugural style, seamlessly blending the elegance of Burgundy with the rich personality of Napa, it stands as a perfect hybrid, capturing the best of both worlds.

## STARTING IN THE VINEYARD

The 2022 growing season will be remembered as the year of two harvests. With climate variability becoming the new norm, growers have honed their resilience and adaptability. Across the Carneros sub-appellations, the season saw even ripening and near-perfect growing conditions, cool weather through July and early August, followed by ideal warmth leading up to an early harvest. This vintage stands out for its exceptional acidity, freshness, and remarkable flavors and textures.

## TO THE CELLAR

The grapes underwent whole cluster pressing before being directly transferred to barrels for fermentation and aging. This California Chardonnay, reminiscent of Burgundian-style wines, achieves its luxurious elegance through native yeast fermentation and 15 months of aging in 35% new French oak. A secondary 100% malolactic fermentation contributed to its plush mouthfeel, completing the wine's remarkable profile.

#### IN YOUR GLASS

With its sparkling golden hue, this Chardonnay opens with classic California aromas of tropical fruit layered with hints of peach, pear, orange zest, sweet oak, and spun sugar. The palate is rich and supple, echoing the nose with notes of tropical fruit, pear, and orange, complemented by creamy layers of vanilla, almond, and fine pastry cream. A bright thread of minerality and balanced acidity brings lift and precision, leading to a harmonious finish that blends the opulence of California with the finesse of Burgundy. Seamlessly integrated oak and mouthwatering acidity leave a lasting impression, and an irresistible urge for another sip.

ON YOUR

#### **TABLE**

For a delightful culinary experience, pair this Chardonnay with creamy corn and Lobster chowder or buttery seared scallops.



Vintage 2022 Varietal Chardonnay

Appellation Los Carneros

Vineyard Tierra Blanca

Oak 35% New French Oak

Aging 15 Months

**Alcohol** 14.5%