

2015 ESTATE CHARDONNAY

CARNEROS, NAPA VALLEY



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| APPELLATION: | Carneros, Napa Valley |
| COMPOSITION: | 100% Estate Chardonnay |
| FERMENTATION: | 100% barrel fermented |
| MALOLACTIC: | 20% |
| AGING: | 10 months in 28% new oak |
| ACID: | 6.9g/L |
| pH: | 3.5 |
| ALCOHOL: | 13.5% |
| SOIL TYPE: | Clay loams on fractured bedrock |
| AGE OF VINES: | 11-29 years |
| HARVESTED: | August 28- September 20, 2015 |

WINEMAKER'S INSIGHT

Made exclusively using grapes from our own acclaimed Carneros estate vineyard, which we have been farming for more than four decades, this is a vivid and alluring Chardonnay, with layered aromas of toast, asian pear, and green apple. On the palate, bright, mouthwatering acidity adds poise and precision to flavors of apple pie and lemon curd, underscored by oak-inspired hints of caramel and baking spice.

HARVEST

The 2015 season proved to be warm (or even just plain hot), meaning that harvest started and ended early. A major hurdle we had in Napa Valley was the series of rains in the early part of the season that washed off the pollen on the flowering grapes. This is called shatter and essentially means many of the grapes on each cluster never turned into fruit. The low yield ended up concentrating the flavors on the grapes that we did bring in to the winery and gave us some of the most concentrated wines we have seen in a long time.

HISTORY

Clos Du Val, French for “small vineyard estate of a small valley,” was founded in 1972 in the renowned Stags Leap District. The winery was first recognized for its Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon at the famed Judgment of Paris in 1976, establishing its place as one of Napa Valley’s most iconic winery estates. Still family-owned today, Clos Du Val farms 350 acres of estate vineyards in the Stags Leap District, Carneros and Yountville appellations and continues to craft wines of balance and complexity, showcasing the fruit from the outstanding terroir on which our estate lies.