

CLOS DU VAL

2014 CHARDONNAY
CARNEROS, NAPA VALLEY

APPELLATION:	Carneros, Napa Valley
COMPOSITION:	100% Estate Chardonnay
FERMENTATION:	100% barrel fermented
MALOLACTIC:	25%
AGING:	11 months in French oak barrels, 25% new
ACID:	6.4 g/L
pH:	3.6
ALCOHOL:	13.9%
SOIL TYPE:	Clay loams on fractured bedrock
AGE OF VINES:	10-28 years
HARVESTED:	August 28 - September 26, 2014
BOTTLING:	August 2015
PRODUCTION:	9580 cases produced

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

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 baked apple, orange blossom, pear, butterscotch and brioche. On the palate, bright, mouthwatering acidity and wet stone minerality add poise and precision to flavors of nectarine and Anjou pear, all of which are underscored by oak-inspired hints of caramel and baking spice.

HARVEST

In spite of all the interesting challenges nature handed us in 2014, it will go down in the record books as another year where amazing quality and quantity seemed like an easy task. The year started out with the drought at the top of our minds, but a very welcomed rain storm during bud break set the vines up for great success in the growing season with perfectly timed moisture. The summer had warm, even days which helped along perfectly developing berries. Harvest began in late August, only to have an earthquake rock our worlds half way through picking Sauvignon blanc. The winery was spared any damage, but our Carneros vineyard now has a rather large crack right through the middle. We carried on, like all farmers do, through an even paced harvest that has resulted in amazing color, flavor and textures in the wines that bring us great joy.

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.

