



SAINTSBURY

2015 CARNEROS CHARDONNAY



VINEYARDS

When sourcing Chardonnay fruit, we seek those Carneros vineyards that offer diversity in both aspect and clonal selection. The result is a complex and vibrant Chardonnay most reflective of the Carneros region.

Appellation: Carneros

Clones: Robert Young, Beresini, Cabral, Catarina, Old Wente, Dijon 76, 95, 809, 548

Terroir: Carneros is known for its loam and clay soils and a mixture of flat land and rolling hillsides, which has the reliable marine fog that rolls in every evening and burns off mid-morning.

VINTAGE 2015

A warm Spring led to early bud break and bloom, while a cold May reduced fruit set and kept yields in check. Final ripening happened at a steady state and contributed to an early harvest with high fruit quality.

Harvest: With little pressure due to weather, we were able to spread our harvest over a 40 day period.

WINEMAKING

After night harvesting, the Chardonnay fruit arrives at Saintsbury within the hour of its pick. The clusters are sorted and transferred directly to a gentle, whole cluster press. The settled juice then goes to barrel for fermentation. During its 8 months in French oak barrels, we employ *bâtonnage* to ensure a complex and well-balanced wine. The wine was bottled in June and finished with a Stelvin screwcap closure.

Aging: 8 months in 10% new French oak barrels.

Alcohol: 13.5%

Production: 5,116 cases

Retail Price: \$26

91 points—*Wine Enthusiast*, June 2017

91 points—James Suckling, March 2017

TASTING NOTES

Zesty notes of lime, kumquats and green pineapple, with powdered lily aromas. On the palate this wine is energetic from the start with tangy citrus, white peach and cloves.

Suggested Pairings: Braised chicken thighs with Meyer lemons and olives, whole grilled fish, and Cowgirl Creamery Mt. Tam or Cabot Clothbound Cheddar cheeses.

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2015 SANGIACOMO GREEN ACRES CHARDONNAY



VINEYARD

In the late 1920s, the Sangiacomo family purchased their first parcel in Sonoma—originally planted to fruit trees then to grapes for winemaking. In 1969, the Sangiacomo's Green Acres vineyard was planted in part to the *original* Old Wente clone of Chardonnay. Saintsbury partnered with the Sangiacomo family in 1981 and for 35 years has made Chardonnay from the Green Acres vineyard. We are thrilled to release the third vintage of this single-vineyard designate Green Acres Chardonnay.

Appellation: Carneros, Sonoma

Clones: 35% Dijon 548, 29% Old Wente, 24% Catarina, and 12% Dijon 809

Terroir: sandy loam soil; bordering the Sonoma Creek on the eastside and Fowler Creek running through the vineyard.

VINTAGE 2015

A warm Spring led to early bud break and bloom, while a cold May reduced fruit set and kept yields in check. Final ripening happened at a steady state and contributed to an early harvest with high fruit quality
Harvest Dates: 8/26, 9/5, 9/7, 9/8

WINEMAKING

Hand harvested at night, fruit is on the crush pad by sunrise. The grapes are whole cluster pressed, and the wine is barrel fermented with light lees.

Aging: 10 months in 30% new French oak barrels and puncheons; 6% 1-year old French Oak barrels & 64% neutral oak .

Alcohol: 14.5%

Case Production: 462

Retail Price: \$46

92 Points—*Wine Spectator*, 5/2017

TASTING NOTES

Layers of honeysuckle, pear and lemongrass all supported by vibrant acidity and rich texture.
Pairings: Petrale sole and Salade maraichere.

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2015 CARNEROS PINOT NOIR



VINEYARDS

When sourcing Pinot Noir fruit, we seek those Carneros vineyards that offer diversity in both aspect and clonal selection. The result is a complex and vibrant Pinot Noir most reflective of the Carneros region.

Appellation: Carneros

Clones: Swan, Pommard, Dijon 115, 667 and 777

Terroir: Carneros is known for its loam and clay soils and a mixture of flat land and rolling hillsides, which has the reliable marine fog that rolls in every evening and burns off mid-morning.

VINTAGE 2015

A warm Spring led to early bud break and bloom, while a cold May reduced fruit set and kept yields in check. Final ripening happened at a steady state and contributed to an early harvest with high fruit quality.

Harvest: With little pressure due to weather, we were able to spread our harvest over a 30 day period

WINEMAKING

After night harvesting, the Pinot Noir fruit arrives at Saintsbury within the hour of its pick. The clusters are sorted and into small open-top fermentation for gentle punch down.

Aging: 8 months in 15% new French Oak barrels

Alcohol: 14%

Production: 4,545 cases

Retail Price: \$36

91 Points—*Wine Enthusiast*, 10/2017

TASTING NOTES

Pretty but concentrated aromas of rose petal, dark cherries, cocoa, anise and cardamom. Sweet cherry and plum entry with a zesty mid palate reminiscent of baking spices, leading into an opulent, elegant, lingering finish.

Suggested Pairings: The richness of this wine pairs well with meats such as lamb, duck, and stewed curries, as well as artisanal cheeses and wild mushrooms.

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2014 SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR



VINEYARD

We took our years of Pinot Noir experience and went Westward to the Sonoma Coast. Like our Carneros Pinot Noir, we've made our Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir exclusively from fruit that is sourced for our single-vineyard wines. These vineyards highlight Pinot Noir at its best from the Sonoma Coast AVA: cooler sites with lower yields, resulting in amazing concentration and vibrancy.

Appellation: Sonoma Coast

Clones: 75% Pommard, 19% Dijon 828, 6% Dijon 777

Terroir: Goldridge soil series, which is well-drained and highly erodible, with poor nutrients forcing vines to struggle thus delivering dense fruit clusters. Overall climate is cool, foggy and sometimes windy; however, with enough sunshine to produce fruit with intense color and flavors.

VINTAGE 2014

Following heavy rains in February, budbreak began along the coast in the first week of March. With fully saturated soils and warmer than usually temperatures, the vines brought the 2014 fruit to maturity with great concentration and big round tannins.

Harvest Dates: Sept. 8th-18th

WINEMAKING

After night harvesting, the fruit travels before sunrise to Saintsbury. Each block remains separate and receives gentle handling starting at the sorting table through to the open top fermenters for 5 day cold soak, 13 days total cuvaion.

Aging: 10 months in 25% new, 15% 1-year old, and 60% neutral French Oak barrels.

Alcohol: 14.4%

Case Production: 851

SRP: \$46

90 Points— *Wine Enthusiast*, 12/2016

TASTING NOTES

Black cherry, cranberry, cola and pomegranate aromas. Long and full on the palate with bright plum and rhubarb notes and a refreshingly zesty finish.

Pairings: Paella, Grilled eggplant pizza and Texas-style brisket.

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2015 LEE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR CARNEROS, NAPA



VINEYARD

Considered a quintessential Carneros AVA vineyard site, Lee Vineyard was planted in 1967 by Ira and Shirley Lee. Saintsbury's relationship with the Lee family formed in 1982 and that relationship was instrumental to the replanting of the vineyard, which took place in the 1990s and early 2000s with Dijon, Pommard and Swan clones.

Appellation: Carneros, Napa

Clones: 17% Pommard, 83% Swan

Terroir: Haire clay loam soil; exposure to the Petaluma wind gap and San Pablo Bay airstreams, creating temperate growing conditions.

VINTAGE 2015

A warm Spring led to early bud break and bloom, while a cold May reduced fruit set and kept yields in check. Final ripening happened at a steady state and contributed to an early harvest with high fruit quality.

Harvest Date: 8/11, 9/5, 9/9

WINEMAKING

After night harvesting, the fruit from the Lee Vineyard has a short distance to travel—a quarter mile down the road to Saintsbury. From there, each block remains separate and receives gentle handling from the sorting table to small open top fermenters for 5 day cold soak, 11 day total cuvaison. This is a site that requires cautious and gentle extraction regime for balanced tannins and bright acidity.

Aging: 11 months in 22% new, 22% one year old, 56% neutral French oak barrels

Alcohol: 14.0%

Case Production: 414

92 points—*Wine Enthusiast*, 10/2017

TASTING NOTES

Dark fruit, cola notes, and spice fill out the nose. Succulent black cherry and plum dominate on the palate with layers of cigar tobacco and cardamom. Gorgeous acidity and depth.

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2015 SUNDAWG RIDGE VINEYARD GREEN VALLEY – RUSSIAN RIVER PINOT NOIR



VINEYARD

In 1994, Nancy Winn and Chuck Kensler retired from their lives in Palo Alto and were ready to start the next chapter, which would take place on their 10 acre apple orchard in Green Valley of the Russian River Valley. A trifecta of events – meeting and taking a class from vineyard manager Jim Pratt, the fall out of the apple market and embracing their innate love for hard work – launched Nancy and Chuck as premium grape growers. Planted exclusively to Pinot Noir in 2000 and sustainably farmed, Sundawg Ridge Vineyard has become an exceptional site that produces fruit with incredible depth and *sous bois* qualities.

Appellation: Green Valley – Russian River

Clones: 81% Pommard, 14% Dijon 115, 5% Calera

Terroir: 240 feet elevation sitting above morning fog, rolling hills with mineral-rich Goldridge soil. 12 miles from the Pacific ocean and often referred to as the banana belt, benefiting from excellent sun exposure.

VINTAGE 2015

A warm Spring led to early bud break and bloom, while a cold May reduced fruit set and kept yields in check. Final ripening happened at a steady state and contributed to an early harvest with high fruit quality.

Harvest Dates: 8/17, 8/25

WINEMAKING

After night harvesting, the fruit travels before sunrise to Saintsbury. Each block remains separate and receives gentle handling starting at the sorting table through to the 5 ton open top fermenters for 5 day cold soak, 13 days total cuvaison.

Aging: 11 months in 25% new, 31% 1-year old & 44% neutral all French Oak.

Alcohol: 13.5%

Case Production: 354

93 points—*Wine Enthusiast*, 10/2017

TASTING NOTES

Dark cherry and blackberry, with darker characteristics of briar, French roast and baking spice.

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