



DOMAINE CARNEROS.

## 2022 Estate Chardonnay



### BLEND

100% Estate Grown Chardonnay  
15 Months Barrel Aged in French oak, 35% new  
Clones: 55% Calera, 45% Mt. Eden

### ABOUT OUR ESTATE CHARDONNAY

The Estate Chardonnay is an exciting new addition to our portfolio. In 2022 winemaker TJ Evans chose to marry grapes from two great Chardonnay sites, Entre Amis Vineyard and Estate Vineyard surrounding the Château, to create this beautiful example of Carneros Chardonnay. The Calera clone grapes of Entre Amis Vineyard lend acidity, while the Mt. Eden clone grapes from the Estate Vineyard provide unctuous richness, resulting in a complex and lively wine.

Fermentation was conducted in barrel, mostly neutral oak with a touch of new (35%) steam bent French oak to support but not overwhelm the fruit. The wine rested on primary lees for 15 months with occasional stirring.

### HARVEST NOTES

An early winter downpour and spring rains filled our reservoirs after two consecutive drought years. The growing season was consistent and mild with the moderating influence of the Carneros marine layer allowing the grapes to mature slowly. Ten days of heat in early September were mitigated by high humidity and irrigation, but grape maturation was accelerated, and our fast-paced harvest was completed by September 15th. An eventful season yielded a remarkable vintage with voluptuous wines balanced with vibrant acidity.

### WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Lively aromas of lemon peel, beeswax, and lemon grass. Broad-shouldered and finely detailed with a touch of seamlessly integrated oak, the palate offers pear, lychee, and yuzu, finishing long on a lifting acidity.

### SUGGESTED PAIRINGS

Dishes that provide a creamy and bright counterpoint are an ideal match for this classic Chardonnay - risotto brightened with fresh herbs, or grilled oysters with a squeeze of lemon. Our winemaker enjoys pairing this wine with *pâte* and other meat spreads.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Carneros  
Harvest brix: 23.8°  
Final pH: 3.35  
Final Acid: 0.71g/100ml  
Alcohol: 13.8%

### PRICE

\$49

*Only 228 cases produced. Winery Exclusive.*

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