

2016 vīvō™ Chardonnay

Carneros Napa Valley

#vivochardonnay

ALCOHOL

13.8% ABV | RS 0.3g/l

PRODUCTION

56 cases

VINEYARD

Grapes for vīvō are sourced from one of the best and most respected Chardonnay growers in the Carneros region in Napa Valley. The heirloom Burgundian selection was developed over 22 years ago, planted on a gentle hillside on shallow clay soil and an alluvial riverbed. Carneros is the southernmost sub-appellation of the Napa Valley, located just above the northern tip of the San Francisco Bay. It is influenced by fog and southerly breezes from the bay and the Petaluma Gap, which keep it cooler than the rest of the valley and allow for a long, moderate growing season that is ideal for Chardonnay.

AGING

16 months in seasoned French oak give this wine complexity, precision, and its layering of flavors.

TASTING NOTES

- **Nose:** intense mineral, stone fruit, with a complex bouquet of grapefruit and fresh cantaloupe
- **Palate:** round and refreshing mid palate, initial steel and captivating minerality along with hints of peach and pear
- **Finish:** lengthy, balanced with purity and with bright floral characteristics
- **Cellar:** will continue to improve for another 5 years, 7-10 years in cellar

ABOUT THE WINEMAKER

Stéphane Vivier joined our team in 2015. A native of Burgundy, Stéphane believes in making wines that articulate the definition of Carneros, Napa Valley with a sense of place.

To Stéphane, the best winemaker is one who largely keeps his hands to himself, allowing the alchemy of nature to do what it does best.

Stéphane obtained degrees in viticulture and enology from Université de Bourgogne in Dijon. He cultivated his vineyard and cellar skills at Pommard, Meursault, and Chassagne-Montrachet.

ACCOLADE

Bronze Medal — 2019 Decanter World Wine Awards

"Lovely concentration of citrus and tropical fruit with spiced apple cake and a touch of ripe melon." 88 pts

92 Points — Wine & Spirits

"It offers scents of daisies and fresh cream, lending the wine a springtime sensation. It feels cool in its scents of orange-zest and lemon, spicy and a little bitter in its smoky austerity."

