

Ancien Chardonnay Carneros

Ancien Wines

United States - California - Carneros

Chardonnay Carneros owes its style, depth, and structure to intensely flavored, low yielding, heirloom clones growing in two Carneros vineyards: on the Napa side, the Toyon Farm and on the Sonoma side, the Sangiacomo Vella Ranch. Ancien Wines hand-selected the cuttings themselves, from older vineyards in the Carneros area. These cuttings are reputed to have origins tracing to Paul Masson who imported them from Burgundy in the early 1940’s, from Louis Latour’s renowned Corton Charlemagne vineyard. These selections are often referred to as “Old Wente” or “Robert Young,” denoting the sourced mother blocks in the 1960s.



Rich flavors of ripe apple and honeydew melon greet delicate perfume notes of freesia and citrus blossom. Brighter notes of lime and Meyer lemon match the refreshing acidity of this wine, balanced by a creamy palate and leading to a finish that continues to lengthen as the wine opens up. The lingering finish is framed by mouthwatering minerality as the complex fruit reverberates on the palate.

Specifications

Appellation	Carneros
Varietals	100% Chardonnay
Vinification	Chardonnay Carneros is guided toward a layered, complex, and expressive style that develops gracefully in the bottle and shows enticing minerality, vivacious fruit, length and structure. The watchword is balance. Grapes were pressed as whole clusters, settled and fermented entirely in French oak from four different coopers, chosen for their unique synergism and support of the fruit on the palate. One third of the barrels were new. A variety of yeasts were used, including native strains, and fermentation proceeded evenly and slowly, averaging a cool 55°F. The wine was aged on its yeast lees, which were stirred weekly through the spring.
Production	535 (9-liter cases)

Codes, Weights and Measures

UPC	7 84585 01317 3
Units/Case	12
Unit Size	750 mL
Container	bottle
SCC	1 07 84585 01317 0
Case Weight	38
Cases/Pallet	56
Layers/Pallet	14
SRP	\$ 49.50 USD 750mL Bottle