



PATZ & HALL

2011 HUDSON VINEYARD – CARNEROS CHARDONNAY

Vineyard Character: Hudson Vineyard is located in a cool section of Carneros, in a small valley that offers some shelter from the wind. Our 4-acre block of the vineyard features well-drained Haire loam soils and is planted to the Hudson-Wente selection (which, as the name implies, was isolated by Lee Hudson himself). The unique location of Hudson Vineyard allows the grapes longer hangtime to develop flavor and intensity, without sacrificing acidity and balance.

Tasting Notes: This may be our favorite Chardonnay of the vintage. As it evolves in the glass, the nose is constantly revealing something new, from layers of smoke, hazelnut and dried flowers to lush peach, pear and summer melon notes. There is also a slightly chalky soil component that adds complexity to the fetching aromas. On the palate, it is dense and coating, but there is also beautiful acidity underpinning youthful flavors of lemon and grapefruit. The finish reveals a hint of honeycomb, like a great white Burgundy in cooler years, as well as Hudson's signature toastiness.

Winemaking:

100% Chardonnay fruit
Whole-cluster pressed
100% indigenous yeast fermentations (wild)
Sur lie aged with weekly stirring
100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel
55% new Burgundian French oak barrels
Bottled without filtration

Release Date: March 2013

Cases Produced: 279

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Lee Hudson - Hudson Vineyard - Carneros

Lee Hudson founded Hudson Vineyard in the 1980s when he purchased the land to stop it from becoming a condominium development. This act of conservation and generosity has resulted in a phenomenal vineyard. In fact, Hudson Vineyard is widely considered one of the grand cru sites in Carneros. Lee is known for his outstanding horticultural practices including his organic vegetable operation, and the vineyard is predominantly farmed using sustainable and organic techniques. We are fortunate to share a prized block of this amazing vineyard with Lee himself.

James Hall
Winemaker