



# TRUCHARD VINEYARDS

## Chardonnay 2023



### Vintage

2023 was basically a perfect vintage! Near record winter rains finally put an end to years of drought. Ideal springtime conditions allowed the vines to set an above average crop. Very mild temperatures throughout the growing season resulted in one of the latest and longest harvests in the history of the Napa Valley. The wines of 2023 have exceptional depth, intensity, finesse, and balance.

### Vineyard

Chardonnay is located throughout the southern part of the Truchard Estate Vineyard. The vines range from 27 - 49 years old and benefit from the various marine soils, gently sloped terrain, and cooler temperatures - conditions that make the Carneros region ideal for growing Chardonnay. They produce aromatic wines with tropical fruit characteristics and a unique spicy element.

### Harvest

Oct. 18 – Nov. 6 • 24.2 °Brix • 3.35 pH • 7.0 g/L TA

### Winemaking

All of the fruit was whole cluster pressed; this technique produces a full-bodied wine with delicate structure. Our Chardonnay is 100% barrel fermented in French oak (33% new) using various yeast strains. After fermentation the wine remains in barrel on the lees (sur lie) for 10 months. A partial malolactic fermentation (30% complete) allows the wine to retain its natural acidity, while regular stirring of the lees (battonage) gives added complexity and richness.

### Wine Analysis

14.1% alcohol • 3.40 pH • 6.3 g/l TA

### Tasting Notes

Floral aromas of pineapple, quince, and honeysuckle; with a touch of nutmeg, fig, and toasted oak. The mouth is clean and bright; filled with flavors of green apple, fresh pear, and Meyer lemon. Firm acidity provides a crisp finish of citrus, mineral, and spice.

### Release Date

September 1, 2024

### Gases Produced

6426 cases