

# 2017

## CHARDONNAY

### CARNEROS SANGIACOMO VINEYARDS

  
**ADOBE ROAD**  
**WINERY**  
SMALL LOT *Handcrafted* WINES

#### TASTING NOTES

This Chardonnay gives fresh aromas of lemon cream pie and tropical fruits with golden toasted bread. On the palate, vivid ripe pear, fuji apple, and tropical fruits play center stage, supported by butterscotch and delicious details of crème brûlée all wrapped in smooth mouthfeel. Baking spice and clove notes are accentuated on the long finish.

#### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Chardonnay is a grape that very clearly shows the hand of the winemaker. I help shape the wine's complex character by using multiple yeasts, barrel types, and partial malolactic conversion along with lees stirring and careful racking. Smart use of these tools enhances the fruit and vineyards' unique qualities.

#### THE VINTAGE

2017 in Carneros was a bit of a nail-biter. A cool and wet beginning to the vintage gave way to an intense summer and a few heat waves that accelerated ripening. Getting it right in 2017 meant paying very close attention to all the indicators of ripeness in the vineyard, while watching the weather forecast diligently and having the picking crew on speed dial!

#### INFO

##### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Chardonnay

##### APPELLATION

Sonoma — Carneros

##### VINEYARD(S)

50% Sangiacomo Kiser Ranch,  
Old Wente clone,  
50% Sangiacomo South  
Sonoma Vineyard,  
Hyde selection

##### BARREL COMPOSITION

100% barrel fermented: 65%  
New French oak 35% Neutral  
French oak

##### BARREL AGING

4 unique yeast strains. 85%  
Malolactic conversion. Aged  
10 months on lees

##### ALCOHOL

14%

##### WINEMAKER

Garrett Martin

##### CASES

400

##### ACCOLADES

92+ Robert Parker

