

# 2016

## CHARDONNAY

### CARNEROS

#### SANGIACOMO VINEYARDS - KISER RANCH

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

#### TASTING NOTES

At the intersection of Highway 12 and Arnold Drive in Sonoma is Kiser Ranch, farmed by the Sangiacomo family. Their attention to detail really makes the Old Wente clone sing in this vineyard. Famous for “hens and chicks” (large and small berries on the same cluster), the Old Wente clone is packed with flavor and retains a fresh acidity into full ripeness. During winemaking the goal is to respect the vineyard nuances while delivering a full-bodied, textural, aromatic Chardonnay experience. Ripe apple and pear explode on the nose! The creamy texture is framed by a juicy acidity and lingering finish of baking spices. This is a rich, fruit-driven Chardonnay that showcases an amazing site within the Carneros region of Sonoma!

#### INFO

##### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Chardonnay, Old Wente Clone

##### APPELLATION

Sonoma Carneros

##### VINEYARD(S)

Sangiacomo Vineyards - Kiser Ranch

##### BARREL COMPOSITION

80% Neutral French oak

20% New French oak

##### BARREL AGING

10 months aged

##### ALCOHOL

14.8%

##### WINEMAKER

Garrett Martin

##### CASES

180

#### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Clusters were hand harvested at night and cold pressed at the winery. Fermentation initiated in barrels utilizing a variety of yeasts for increased complexity and mouthfeel. Post-fermentation malolactic conversion was carried out in part, and stopped when acid became balanced with richness. Light lees were stirred for the first four months. Then the barrels were blended and bottled at 10 months.

The Old Wente clone of chardonnay is known for its “hens and chicks” berries; tiny berries (chicks) next to larger ones (hens) on the same cluster. This characteristic creates nuances in the wine through skin extraction and variability in flavor due to berry size and maturity. On the nose this Chardonnay is intense with ripe melon, vanilla, butterscotch and almond paste. Honeysuckle, grilled pineapple, and golden delicious apple flavors unfold beautifully on the palate with a lingering finish of brioche.

#### THE VINTAGE

2016 was a beautiful, evenly ripening year. In Carneros at the Sangiacomo Kiser Ranch, the Chardonnay was afforded more hang time due to favorable weather. This led to increased maturity in the old Wente clone clusters, resulting in a wine with more aroma and flavor.

