



NEYERS

CHARDONNAY

Carneros District

2017



We've been eagerly awaiting the release of the 2017 Carneros District Chardonnay at Neyers Vineyards now for several months, as we've watched it develop into an increasingly attractive wine. The 1992 Chardonnay was our first wine labeled as Carneros District. It came from "Shot-Wente selection" grapes grown on three vineyards: the Jim and Del Yamakawa Ranch on Watmaugh Road; the Sangiacomo Family Green Acres Vineyard parcel on Hwy 121 planted in 1994; the Donnell sisters El Novillero Vineyard at the intersection of Highways 121 and 116, in the hills at the western-most boundary of the Carneros AVA. All three vineyards are in the cool-weather area of Carneros, close to the San Francisco Bay, so ripening is slow and natural fruit acidity is high, making for a wine both fresh and long-lived. We continue to work with these three vineyards today.

"Shot-Wente" is an heirloom Chardonnay selection. It developed naturally in the Wente Brothers Livermore Valley vine nursery in the early 1930's. The clusters are smaller than normal for Chardonnay—as are the individual grapes—giving them increased skin surface relative to the juice. That enhanced ratio makes the wine especially flavorful, so despite the small yields the selection was popular with California winemakers in the 50's, 60's, and 70's. It is now making a comeback in popularity, as it has shown a resistance to several new diseases that afflict vines that were developed through clonal breeding. Our winemaker, Tadeo, has done much to improve even further the quality of the Neyers Carneros District Chardonnay since our first vintage 25 years ago.

ORIGIN: Carneros, Sonoma County

VINEYARD: Blend of Sangiacomo, Yamakawa and El Novillero Vineyards

BARREL PROGRAM: Barrel fermented, 100% French Oak (30% New)

COMPOSITION: 100% Chardonnay

ALCOHOL: 14.1%

CASES PRODUCED: 5,700

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