

*Nickel & Nickel*  
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Single Vineyard Wines

## 2012 TRUCHARD VINEYARD

Chardonnay, Carneros, Napa Valley



### VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Truchard Vineyard lies in the heart of Carneros, prized for its rolling hills, sun exposure and cool, breezy conditions that allow long, even ripening. Nickel & Nickel makes wine from fourteen select acres of this 270-acre vineyard, composed of volcanic ash and rock with a southwestern exposure. The growing season tends to be long in this cooler area, allowing for fully mature fruit at harvest.

### HARVEST NOTES

The 2012 growing season was ideal with warm days and cool, foggy nights that offered the perfect conditions for fruit and tannin maturity. Temperatures were moderate, and flavor development was at its peak. Leaves were pulled around the fruit, allowing for the morning sun to shine through. Bloom and veraison occurred two weeks ahead of last year, yielding well-balanced vines with a slightly higher crop load. These berries also sized after veraison so we were fortunate to have the extra time to ripen the fruit. Exposure played a key role in the harvest date, with the west facing vineyards being harvested first.

### SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2012 Truchard Chardonnay is a beautiful expression of what this vineyard has to offer. Peach, apple, and tropical fruits pair nicely with the vanilla and toasty oak from the barrels. Its creamy mouthfeel and balanced acidity create a lovely texture that carries the fruit from start to the finish, creating a wine of perfect proportions.

### APPELLATION

Carneros, Napa Valley

### VARIETAL

100% Chardonnay

### AGING

French oak barrels  
(45% new, 55% once-used)

### RELEASE DATE

October 2013

### HARVEST DATES

September 27 - October 9, 2012

### FERMENTATION

Whole cluster pressed  
barrel fermented (no ML)

### TIME

9 months

### FIRST VINTAGE

2000