

*Nickel & Nickel*  
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Single Vineyard Wines

## 2013 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

Another remarkable growing season led to an outstanding year in the Napa Valley. A warm, dry spring led to an early budbreak and by bloom, we were ahead of the 2012 growing season by two weeks. The canopies were healthy with a balanced crop load going into the summer. With the exception of one heat spike in early July, the temperatures were ideal for fruit ripening. This vineyard has both east- and west-facing blocks, and the west-facing hills were the first to be harvested.

### SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2013 Nickel & Nickel Truchard Vineyard Chardonnay offers aromas of tropical fruits, vanilla accented by minerality expressive of this vineyard. Pineapple, peach and fig notes offer a mouthful of flavor and blend exquisitely with the spice and toast from the French oak. The wine's naturally creamy texture and balanced acidity adds weight and richness to the midpalate, carrying the fruit through to a long, lingering finish.

### APPELLATION

Carneros, Napa Valley

### VARIETAL

100% Chardonnay

### AGING

French oak barrels  
(49% new, 51% once-used)

### RELEASE DATE

March 2015

### HARVEST DATES

September 9 - 26, 2013

### FERMENTATION

Whole cluster pressed  
barrel fermented (no ML)

### TIME

9 months

### FIRST VINTAGE

2000