Carneros: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir And More From Napa And Sonoma

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Carneros is an American Viticultural Area (AVA) that is situated at the northern end of the San Pablo Bay, an extension of the San Francisco Bay. It is this location that makes Carneros unique...the best Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays of Carneros - the leading varieties planted here - display heightened aromatics and excellent freshness, as well as remarkable varietal character.

Clearly, wines from Carneros, whatever the variety, offer structure that is vital for the wines' ability to age gracefully for several years, while the natural acidity preserves freshness. Other wines from California may pack more of a punch, but for overall varietal character and harmony, Carneros is at the top of the pyramid.

2017 Nickel & Nickel Truchard Vineyard Chardonnay

Aromas of lemon zest, almond and anise. Medium-full with excellent concentration. Rich, layered mid-palate with lush, ripe fruit; excellent persistence, good acidity, distinct spiciness from oak. Big finish, well balanced, notable complexity. 3-5 years. Outstanding.