



## 2018 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 eight select sections 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 2018 growing season was slow and steady. The vines started to grow in late February. Spring was mild, which allowed extended flowering, resulting in uniform, well balanced clusters. Harvest for the Truchard vineyard began in late September and wrapped up the first week of October.

### SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2018 Truchard Chardonnay is a beautiful marriage of youthful vibrance and refined elegance. Gorgeous aromas of tropical fruits, citrus, and wet stone leap from the glass with the very first swirl. The same tropical and citrus notes follow on the palate, with pear, peach blossoms, and a touch of spice to round out the flavor profile. This wine is weighty, with an oily-textured component that is inherent to the vineyard. A harmonious mix of acidity and volume, this wine is full and fresh.

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### APPELLATION

Carneros, Napa Valley

### VARIETAL

100% Chardonnay

### AGING

French oak barrels  
(47% new, 53% once-used)

### RELEASE DATE

August 2019

### HARVEST DATES

September 25–October 8, 2018

### FERMENTATION

Whole cluster pressed  
barrel fermented (no ML)

### TIME

10 months

### FIRST VINTAGE

2000