



# Reserve Chardonnay

2018 NAPA CARNEROS



## TASTING NOTES

This complex and expressive classic Napa-style Chardonnay does justice to the celebrated Carneros region from which it hails from. Brioche and spiced nutmeg aromas lead to a palate of green apple, Meyer lemon, and honeyed pear, with lifted freshness and natural acidity. Vanilla nuances lead to a complete and lasting finish.

## VINEYARDS

Consistently producing our best fruit year after year is Lewis Vineyard, the last vineyard before the bay off the backcountry roads of Carneros in southern Napa. This cool-climate site has been a part of our family since 2000 and has become the cornerstone of Frank Family’s Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and sparkling wine programs. Our estate vineyard consists of 86 acres of gently rolling hills, with 58 acres planted to Chardonnay and 10 acres planted to Pinot Noir. The predominant maritime influence of the Pacific Ocean creates the cool temperature, fog and wind that make Carneros ideally suited for growing cool climate varieties. The constant caress of cool air from the bay in combination with the vineyard’s restricting shallow and dense clay loam soils result in extremely low yields, producing grapes with strong character and balanced acidity. The practice of cool climate viticulture and the planting of small-clustered Dijon clones, such as clone 95, contribute to an intensity that is distinct to Frank Family Chardonnays.

## COOPERAGE

11 months in 100% new French oak barrels

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| VINTAGE              | 2018                    |
| VARIETAL COMPOSITION | 100% Chardonnay         |
| APPELLATION          | Carneros, Napa Valley   |
| HARVEST DATE         | September 26 & 27, 2018 |
| BOTTLED              | September 9, 2019       |
| ACID                 | 0.58 g/100ml TA         |
| pH                   | 3.38                    |
| ALCOHOL              | 14.5%                   |
| PROPRIETORS          | Rich & Leslie Frank     |
| WINEMAKER            | Todd Graff              |

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