

# DONUM

GIFT OF THE LAND

## SINGLE VINEYARD CARNEROS CHARDONNAY

### INTRODUCTION

Carneros is renowned for stellar Chardonnay, so although our project is focused on Pinot, we couldn't resist planting a small block of Chardonnay. The selection of Old Wente Chardonnay came to us as budwood from the Winery Lake and Larry Hyde vineyards. It's a charming field selection, yielding a host of aromas and flavors from classic apple to banana to floral, including the occasional heady perfume of a musqué cluster. While Pinot is our obsession, we place equal importance on Chardonnay, and aim for style that yields maximum complexity, while still remaining fresh and vibrant on the palate.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Straw to golden in color, with brilliant clarity, the 2017 Carneros Estate chardonnay shows peach, lemon, key lime, and flint aromas on the nose. The palate is perhaps a touch richer than in years past, with classic baked apple flavors joined by more exotic pineapple and tangerine. The palate is bright, with cleansing acidity providing refreshment, and just a hint of new wood adding a spice component.

### FRUIT

100% Old Wente clone Chardonnay from the Donum Estate vineyard

### HARVEST DATE

August 30, 2017

### BOTTLING DATE

January 26, 2019

### CASES PRODUCED

91 cases

### NEW OAK

100% French oak, 40% new



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