



Vine Cliff Winery 2000 Napa Valley Chardonnay

Harvest Dates: September 15-October 5, 2000

Growing Region: Carneros, Napa Valley

Blend Composition: 100% Chardonnay

Cases Produced: 5,139 Twelve-Packs



Vineyard

Clos Pegase, Truchard and Beckstoffer Vineyards are located in Carneros, just north of San Francisco's San Pablo Bay. Fog and cool sea breezes make this a superb growing region for growing Chardonnay. The 2000 growing season was normal by all accounts except for a short heat wave in June. A cool, even growing season ensued which resulted in even maturity, good acids, and excellent flavors.

Winemaking

Our 2000 Chardonnay grapes were hand harvested two weeks earlier than in 1999. The grapes were hand sorted and whole cluster pressed, and the juice was cold settled before being gravity racked into French oak barrels for fermentation and sur lie ageing. Eleven individual vineyard lots were used to assemble the master blend which was left unfinned in order to preserve fruit aroma and flavor.

Tasting notes

Aroma: Fragrant honeysuckle, sweet lemon and peach fruits with hints of brown sugar, vanilla bean and toasty oak.

Palate: Fresh spicy nectarine and mango fruit flavors with nuances of honey and cookie dough. Full bodied palate with juicy, lemon freshness, a rich creamy texture and long lingering finish.

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