

2016

**CARNEROS CHARDONNAY**  
*Hudson Vineyard*



**PATZ & HALL**



**VINEYARD CHARACTER**

Hudson Vineyard is located in a cool section of Carneros, in a small valley that offers some shelter from the wind. Our 3-acre block of the vineyard features well-drained Haire loam soils and is planted to the Hudson-Wente selection (which, as the name implies, was isolated by Lee Hudson himself). The unique location of Hudson Vineyard allows the grapes longer hangtime to develop flavor and intensity, without sacrificing acidity and balance.

**VINTAGE NOTES**

2016 was another fantastic growing season. It started out with good winter rainfall, which after four years of drought, was a big relief. While the summer of 2016 was quite hot, a perfectly timed cool-down over a three-week period in August allowed the grapes to ripen with moderate sugar levels. It also preserved the acidity that is so essential to making great Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Thus, the quality is exceptional with vivid, alluring flavors in the Chardonnays and deep colors and gorgeous aromatics in the Pinot Noir.

**TASTING NOTES**

This Chardonnay opens with inviting aromas of honeydew melon, pineapple, and green apple along with hints of beeswax and white chocolate. This bottling is a beautifully bright and energetic expression of Hudson Vineyard. On the palate, the melon and pineapple notes mingle with peach and nectarine flavors and are lifted by the excellent acidity. This adds poise and length to the wine.

**WINEMAKING**

- 100% Chardonnay fruit
- 100% Whole-cluster pressed
- 100% indigenous yeast fermentations (wild)
- Sur lie aged with weekly stirring
- 100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel
- 100% Burgundian French oak barrels (45% new; 55% 1-2-year old)
- Bottled without filtration to preserve the wine's aromas and flavors and enhance aging potential

RELEASE DATE: November 2017

RETAIL PRICE PER 750 ML: \$60.00

CASES PRODUCED: 288

LABEL ALCOHOL: 14.2%

**THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS**

*Lee Hudson - Hudson Vineyard - Carneros*

Lee Hudson founded Hudson Vineyard in the 1980s when he purchased the land to stop it from becoming a condominium development. This act of conservation and generosity resulted in a phenomenal vineyard. In fact, Hudson Vineyard is widely considered one of the grand cru sites in Carneros. Lee is known for his outstanding horticultural practices, including his organic vegetable operation, and the vineyard is predominantly farmed using sustainable and organic techniques. We are fortunate to share a prized block of this amazing vineyard with Lee himself.

*James Hall*  
JAMES HALL | Winemaker

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