

2017

**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**

The 2017 growing season was far from normal. It kicked off with record rainfall, a welcome addition after almost five years of drought. In the early spring the weather began to clear and the growing season began to look up with sunny and warm conditions. Around flowering, weather conditions started to oscillate between foggy and windy days and unusually hot spikes. This continued into June, where unseasonably hot weather left clusters with small berries and a much lighter crop than predicted. All our vineyards were picked before the devastating fires in October.

**TASTING NOTES**

This is a bright and energetic expression of Hudson Vineyard with welcoming aromas of pineapple, toasted almond, orange blossom and pear. Melon and pineapple notes dance on the palate and meld with peach and nectarine flavors. The wine has excellent acidity that adds poise and length to the wine.

**WINEMAKING**

- 100% Chardonnay fruit
- 100% Whole-cluster pressed
- 100% indigenous yeast fermentations
- 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 2018

RETAIL PRICE PER 750 ML: \$60.00

CASES PRODUCED: 212

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.

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