

ROUTE STOCK

ROUTES WITH ROOTS – WINES OF PLACE.

CHARDONNAY, CARNEROS

2020



INTRODUCTION

RouteStock is an invitation to discover the deep roots of winemaking in Napa and Sonoma, planted firmly at each step of your journey through our vineyard sites. Every glass tells the story of Napa and Sonoma's remarkable fine wine heritage, from the famous routes that wind between the vineyards, to the roots that produce its world-renowned grapes. An endeavor of enduring Napa-based importer Wilson Daniels, RouteStock is established as a product that consistently over-delivers in quality at a very attractive price point.

PHILOSOPHY

At the core of RouteStock is our commitment to sourcing great fruit from high-end vineyards along well-known routes in the Napa Valley. We partner with a select group of dedicated grape-growers in the best viticultural areas for each of our varietals and we work hand-in-hand with all our growers during the cultivation season. We practice minimal intervention in our winemaking to help the grapes show their true character, using native yeasts, natural malolactic fermentation, 100% barrel aging, and no chemical additions. Our intent is to let the grapes and vintage tell us what kind of wine they should be – we never try to force the wine into a specific mold, but rather serve as a guide on its journey.

SOURCING

A dry and refreshing wine that still holds weight, this 100% Chardonnay bottling is derived from two vineyard sites, one in Napa and one on the Sonoma side of the cool Carneros regions, using two different clones (Wente and Dijon 77). Temperature-controlled fermentation in stainless steel tanks preserves youthful brightness, while seven months of aging in mostly used French oak allow it to soften, rounding out this lovely expression of an iconic terroir.

2020 VINTAGE NOTES

2020 continued the trend of recent vintages with early bud-break, flowering and harvesting. The growing year was classic in all other respects with warm days and cool nights. A smaller crop in 2020 certainly concentrated the flavors of all varietals, making beautifully flavorful wines overall.

TASTING NOTES

The wine shows a beautiful seductive aroma of Meyer lemon, English thyme and ginger. The wine is vibrant and lively on the pallet, dancing between lemon, pear, custard and tarragon. There is a beautiful balance between the slight richness and inviting mouthfeel of the texture and the nice freshness of the finish. This is a complex wine that is not dominated by alcohol, oak or sugar, instead is integrated with all elements to bring great joy!

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

100% Carneros Chardonnay

AGING:

7 months in 100% French oak; 91% neutral and 9% once used

ALCOHOL: 13.8% pH: 3.6 TA: 5.91

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