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## SEVENS BENCH VINEYARD

CARNEROS • CHARDONNAY

2015

### VINEYARD CHARACTER

Intensive farming and low yields are the foundations of our Carneros Chardonnay offering. The two blocks farmed for this wine are on a bench with classic Haire Clay Loam soils, and on a ridge at 200 foot elevation, part of an uplifted riverbed which allows good drainage in the traditional clay based soils of the region.

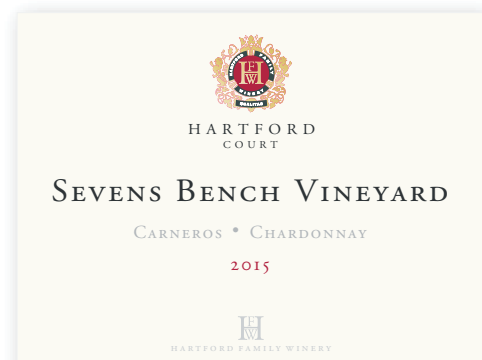
The name Sevens Bench is derived from our historical name for our Carneros Pinot Noir and one of the two clones planted on our blocks: Clone 27 (Mount Eden). The other field selection is old Rued. The Carneros AVA produces Chardonnay with beautiful lemon drop characters and a rich, unctuous mouthfeel. We are excited to have this offering in our lineup of Vineyard Designated Chardonnays.

### TASTING NOTES

True to its Carneros roots, the 2015 Sevens Bench Chardonnay carries the hallmark of the region – fruit intensity balanced by good acidity. The aromas are driven by classic lemon drop, Meyer lemon and a sweet tangerine character. That fruit style follows in the flavors, with the citrus focus carrying through with candied lemon drop balanced by the nice acidity and mineral characters inherent to the region and the clonal selections. Barrel fermentation characters are in the background, adding more complexity to this elegant wine.

### WINE STATISTICS

Oak: 100% French oak, 37% new  
Time in oak: 16 months  
Alcohol: 14.6%  
TA: 5.8 g/L  
pH: 3.52  
Yeast: Native  
Cases produced: 298  
No fining or filtration



### HISTORIC ACCLAIM

2015 “Outstanding” 91-93 points Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*, March 2017