



HARTFORD
COURT

SEVENS BENCH VINEYARD

CARNEROS • CHARDONNAY

2017

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 clones planted on our blocks: Clone 27 (Mount Eden). The other field selections are Calaera, Batto and Entav 809. The Carneros AVA produces Chardonnay with beautiful lemon drop characters and a rich, unctuous mouthfeel.

TASTING NOTES

True to its Carneros roots, the 2017 Sevens Bench Chardonnay carries the hallmark of the region – fruit intensity balanced by and good acidity. The aromas are driven by classic lemon drop, Meyer lemon and lemongrass. That fruit style follows in the flavors, with the citrus focus carrying through with candied lemon drop balanced by the mineral and flint characters inherent to the region and the clonal selections. Barrel fermentation notes in the background add even more complexity to this elegant wine.

WINE STATISTICS

Oak: 100% French oak, 27% new
Time in oak: 17 months
Alcohol: 13.9%
TA: 5.5 g/L
pH: 3.44
Yeast: Native
Cases produced: 283
No fining or filtration



HISTORIC ACCLAIM

2017	93 points	Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinous</i> , April 2020
2017	93 points	L.P.-B., Robert Parker, <i>Wine Advocate</i> , February 2020
2016	94 points	L.P.-B., Robert Parker, <i>Wine Advocate</i> , October 2018
2015	91-93 points	Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinous</i> , March 2017