



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Carneros

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

PH: 3.43

TA: 5.1 g/L

VARIETALS: 100% Chardonnay

AGING: 16 months in 53% new French oak

HARVEST DATES: September 7-23, 2024



NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

GENERATIONS

CARNEROS CHARDONNAY

2024

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for this 2024 Generations Chardonnay were sourced from three vineyards within the Carneros region, spanning both Napa and Sonoma. Two sites lie on the Napa side: one on Haire soils, which retain moisture and support even ripening, contributing breadth to the palate; the other on hillside Bressa soils, where good drainage and morning exposure yield smaller berries with higher acidity, tension, and minerality. The third vineyard, on the Sonoma side and rooted in Huichica soils, produces more restrained fruit with a subtle saline quality.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

In 2024, vineyards experienced a growing season defined by plentiful winter and spring rains that replenished soil moisture, followed by a hot, dry summer with sustained, above-average temperatures. These conditions accelerated ripening and increased vine stress, resulting in smaller berries and lighter yields. While yields were down, the concentrated fruit delivered intense color, rich flavors, and firm tannin structure, with careful canopy management, irrigation, and well-timed harvests proving essential for maintaining balance and preserving natural acidity.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Generations is a tribute to the Raymond family's five generations of winemaking in Napa Valley. This limited-production wine is 100% Chardonnay and represents the winery's purest expression of the varietal. The wine was 100% barrel fermented and underwent full malolactic fermentation, then aged for 15-16 months in 53% new French oak (François Frères and Baron), with the balance in once- and twice-used barrels, before being bottled unfiltered.

WINE PROFILE

The glass opens with vibrant aromas of fresh grapefruit, mango, and lemon tart, woven with subtle notes of almond and a refreshing brightness. The palate is richly textured, offering generous layers of fig, apricot, and tropical fruit, carried by a smooth, supple mouthfeel and accented by a hint of warm spice. The finish is clean and energetic, balancing the wine's depth with a long, graceful persistence.

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