

TRUCHARD VINEYARDS

(NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA)

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Truchard Vineyards was established in 1974, when Tony and Jo Ann Truchard came to the Carneros region of the Napa Valley and purchased a 20-acre parcel of land. They transformed what was an abandoned prune orchard into a vineyard and began selling the fruit to a local winery. Through hard work and dedication, they quickly developed a reputation as one of the outstanding vineyards in Carneros. Over the past 31 years the Truchard Estate Vineyard has grown to 400 acres, of which 270 acres are planted. The Truchards now sell grapes to more than 20 premiere Napa Valley wineries. The Truchard Estate Vineyard is a series of hills and valleys, which contain a variety of soils: clay, shale, sandstone, volcanic rock and ash. The various combinations of terrain, geology, and marine-moderated temperatures provide unique winegrowing conditions. In 1989, the Truchards began making wine for themselves using only their estate-grown fruit. An old barn on the property was converted into a winery; this barn became the symbol for Truchard Vineyards and adorns the top of the wine label. With the addition of a 10,500-square foot wine cave, the winery has become a beautiful, modern facility. Winemaker Sal De Ianni makes 11 different wines and produces approx 16,000 cases annually.

Syrah 2020

CSPC# 715002

750mlx12

14.3% alc./vol.

Chemical Analysis Grape Variety

Acidity: 6.3 g/l pH: 3.70 Residual Sugar: g/l
100% Syrah

Winemaker Vintage

Sal De Ianni
2020 was a very interesting year in the vineyards. Bud break was normal, but a cold and dry winter combined with unsettled spring weather affected berry set and led to below average yields. Normal conditions throughout summer allowed the light crop to easily ripen. The dual challenges of the pandemic and wildfires during harvest made picking decisions very difficult. Despite these hardships, the wines of 2020 are big, bold, and full of flavor.

Vineyards

There are 12 acres of Syrah planted on the Truchard Estate Vineyard. Four acres are in the "Highlands" region to the north, and 8 acres are located at the southern end of the vineyard. These areas are dominated by austere hillsides composed of volcanic rock and ash. The vines range from 21 – 31 years old and benefit from the unique combination of soil, exposure, and cool Carneros temperatures. The result is a full-bodied wine, with flavors and structure reminiscent of the northern Rhône.

Harvest Vinification/ Maturation

Sept. 23 – Oct. 14 • 24.5 °Brix • 3.63 pH • 7.0 g/L TA
All of the fruit was gently destemmed and crushed into open top fermenters with approximately 20% whole berries. Individual lots were inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast. Fermentations were punched down twice daily with the temperature peaking at 88° F. After 14 days of maceration, each lot was pressed and allowed to settle in tank before going to barrel. The wine was aged for 10 months in both French (90%) and American (10%) oak; 25% of these barrels were new. This wine was racked only once before being bottled in August of 2021. This wine is drinkable upon release but will reward careful cellaring for the next 12 – 15 years.

Tasting Notes

A floral nose of black cherry, cassis, and ripe plum with a hint of vanilla, leather, earth, and white pepper. The mouth is layered with bright, jammy flavors of boysenberry, red currants, and blackberry followed by mineral and cracked black pepper. Mouth-filling tannins provide an opulent finish of fruit and spice.

Serve with

This Syrah pairs excellent with heartier dishes, stews, and lamb. For lighter, fair it would go well with heavily spiced/seasoned/herbed chicken or pork.

Production Cellaring

720 cases. Released March 1st, 2022
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Chardonnay 2022

CSPC# 716096

750mlx12

14.1% alc./vol.

Chemical Analysis	Acidity: 6.4 g/l	pH: 3.38
Grape Variety	100% Chardonnay	
Winemaker	Sal De Ianni	
Sustainability	In 1989, the Truchards established a winery and began producing wines using only their estate-grown fruit. 80% of the vines are sustainably grown, the other 20% are organic; the vineyards and winery are certified Napa Green, the estate is certified Fish Friendly Farming, and they use 100% renewable energy.	
Vintage	The 2022 vintage displays the resilience of our vineyards. Moderate winter rains offered the vines much needed relief after an exceptionally dry 2021. Mild spring weather followed, allowing the vines to set a more robust crop. Picking began in late August, then a record-setting heat wave in mid-September accelerated the harvest. The progression of the seasons in 2022 helped to enhance the bounty from our vines and, ultimately, the balanced flavors and aromas that define our wines	
Vineyards	Chardonnay is located throughout the southern part of the Truchard Estate Vineyard. The vines range from 26 - 48 years old and benefit from the various marine soils, gently sloped terrain, and cooler temperatures - conditions that make the Carneros region ideal for growing Chardonnay. They produce aromatic wines with tropical fruit characteristics and a unique spicy element.	
Harvest	Sept. 22 – Oct. 18 • 24.3 °Brix • 3.28 pH • 7.2 g/L TA	
Vinification/ Maturation	The fruit was whole cluster pressed, producing a full-bodied wine with delicate structure. Our Chardonnay is 100% barrel fermented in French oak (33% new) using various yeast strains. After fermentation the wine remains in barrel on the lees (<i>sur lie</i>) for 10 months. A partial malolactic fermentation (30% complete) allows the wine to retain its natural acidity, while regular stirring of the lees (<i>battonage</i>) gives added complexity and richness.	
Tasting Notes	A complex nose of pineapple, lemon, quince, and honeysuckle, with slight hints of nutmeg, fig, and toasted oak. The mouth is clean and bright, with flavors of green apple, fresh pear, and Meyer lemon. Firm acidity provides a crisp finish of citrus, mineral, and spice.	
Winemaker' Notes	The 2022 Chardonnay is layered with tropical fruit notes of pineapple and mango counterpointed by a core of bright citrus fruits of Meyer lemon, quince, and kumquat then rounded out by granny smith apples, spice, and floral like perfume. The high-quality French oak is well integrated, and the wine has amazing acidity for its richness and complexity.	
Serve with	Enjoy with a variety of seafood and poultry dishes - such as cracked crab, shrimp cocktail and any type of white fish; pasta with a white cream sauce; roast chicken with lemon citrus. Great with cheese - triple cream brie, white cheddar & Chèvre.	
Released	September 1, 2023	
Production	5190 cases	
Cellaring	Drink 2023-2028	



Roussanne 2022

CSPC# 715000

750mlx12

14.1% alc./vol.

Chemical Analysis	Acidity: 7.2 g/l	pH: 3.33	Residual Sugar: g/l
Grape Variety	100% Roussanne		
Winemaker	Sal De Ianni		
Vintage	2022 is very similar to the near-perfect 2018 vintage. A cold winter with average rainfall made for a late bud-break. Ideal spring weather allowed for nice berry set and above average yields. Mild conditions throughout summer and fall allowed the fruit to slowly ripen and develop maximum flavor. The wines of 2022 are bold and intense, with nice acidity.		
Vineyards	3 acres of Roussanne were planted on the southern edge of Truchard Vineyards in 1998. Growing in soils composed of volcanic rock and ash, the vines benefit from the gently sloped terrain and cooler Carneros temperatures. Roussanne is a challenging grape in both the vineyard and winery. However, when done correctly it can produce an aromatic and delicate wine with structure and finesse to age.		
Harvest	October 31-November 6, 2022		
Vinification/ Maturation	All of the fruit was whole cluster pressed and fermented in French oak barrels (20% new). After fermentation the wine remains in barrel on the lees (sur lie) for 6 months. A partial malolactic fermentation (30% complete) allows the wine to retain its natural acidity, while regular stirring of the lees (battonage) gives added complexity and richness. This wine was bottled in April 2023.		
Tasting Notes	Intense aromas of pineapple, honeysuckle, and lychee with highlights of brioche and vanilla. The mouth is crisp, with clean flavors of white nectarine, honeydew melon, and lemon zest. Bright acidity provides a lengthy finish of citrus, mineral, and spice.		
Serve with	This is enjoyable on its own, but given the balance of acidity and fruit, it will also be versatile on the dinner table. Salmon or lamb with a fruity tapenade or salsa should make for a great pairing.		
Released	July 1, 2023		
Production	1054 cases produced		



Pinot Noir 2020

CSPC# 715001

750mlx12

14.1% alc./vol.

Chemical Analysis	Acidity: 6.1 g/l	pH: 3.64	Residual Sugar: g/l
Grape Variety	100% Pinot Noir		
Winemaker	Sal De Ianni		
Vintage	In 2020, bud break was normal, but a cold, dry winter combined with unsettled spring weather affected berry set and led to below average yields. Moderate to warm conditions throughout summer allowed the light crop to easily ripen. The wines of 2020 are big, bold, and full of flavor.		
Vineyards	Seven separate clonal selections of Pinot Noir grow on the Truchard Estate Vineyard. Two "Martini" clones, the "Pommard" clone, the "Swan" clone and several new selections from France – Dijon 114, 115, 667, 777. Each selection provides a unique element of aromatic fruit, spice, and texture to the blend. The vines range from 23 - 45 years in age. They are planted in several select sites that take full advantage of the thin soils, rolling hills, and cooler temperatures, factors which combine to make the Carneros region ideal for producing Pinot Noir.		
Harvest	Aug. 23 – Sept. 12 • 24.3 °Brix • 3.52 pH • 6.9 g/L TA		
Vinification/ Maturation	All of the fruit was gently destemmed and crushed into open top fermenters with approximately 20% whole berries. Each lot was inoculated with Assmannhausen yeast, after "cold soaking" for up to 5 days. Fermentations were punched down three times daily with the temperature peaking at 92° F. After 7 - 12 days of maceration, the lots were pressed, settled in tanks for 24 hours, and then put into barrel. This wine was aged for 10 months in French oak (35% new) and bottled in August of 2021. It is ready for immediate drinking but will gracefully age for the next 12 - 15 years. Released January 1, 2022.		
Tasting Notes	Rich aromas of black cherry, ripe plum, and rhubarb with hints of pomegranate, tea, and earth. The mouth is silky with flavors of red currants, cranberry, and sweet vanilla. Firm acidity and delicate tannins focus the palate and provide a lingering finish of spice and red fruit.		
Serve with	This as an all-around, "drink anytime" kind of wine that would be as appropriate with roasted chicken as it would with grilled striploins or Asian-glazed salmon. Also try Roast or grilled pork, Grilled salmon with cherry balsamic glaze, or Wild mushroom and leek risotto with pecorino cheese.		
Production	2755 cases		
Scores/Awards	91 points - Wilfred Wong, Wine.com - April 2022		
Reviews	<i>"The 2020 Truchard Carneros Napa Valley Pinot Noir is fragrant and elegant on a nicely layered palate. This wine shines with aromas and flavors of red fruits, savory spices, and earth. Enjoy it with lightly seasoned lamb dishes."</i> - WW, Wine.com		



Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

CSPC# 715003

750mlx12

14.2% alc./vol.

Chemical Analysis	Acidity: 6.0 g/l	pH: 3.64	Residual Sugar: g/l
Grape Variety	88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot, 1% Malbec		
Winemaker	Sal De Ianni		
Vintage	After a second record-dry winter in a row, bud break came early in 2021. During the spring, drought-stricken vines struggled to grow, setting a very light crop with small clusters and berries. Yields were down nearly 50%. Moderate conditions throughout the summer allowed this fruit to easily ripen. As expected, the wines of 2021 are intense, austere, and concentrated.		
Vineyards	The Truchard Estate Vineyard is located in the Carneros region of the Napa Valley. It is 400 acres of hills and valleys which contain a variety of soils: clay, shale, sandstone, limestone, volcanic ash, and rock. The combination of terrain, geology, and marine-moderated temperatures provides ideal conditions for wine-growing. Cabernet Sauvignon is planted in several different sites, including steep, southwestern facing hillsides. The vines range from 25 - 47 years old, and produce wines that are deep in color, dominated by lush flavors of plum, berry, and spice. Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, and Malbec are blended to provide additional softness, structure, and complexity.		
Harvest	Oct. 8-Nov 6 • 24.6 °Brix • 3.55 pH • 6.3 g/L TA		
Vinification/ Maturation	All of the fruit was gently destemmed and crushed, then inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast. Fermentations were pumped-over twice daily, with the temperature peaking at 88o F. Maceration time varied from 14 to 30 days depending on the vineyard block. The wine was aged for 20 months in French oak barrels (45% new). The final blend is 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot, and 1% Malbec. This wine is drinkable now, but will gracefully age for the next 15 - 20 years.		
Tasting Notes	A complex nose of ripe plum, boysenberry, and cassis, with hints of cedar and vanilla. The mouth is layered with bright flavors of black cherry, red currants, and berry jam. Ripe tannins focus the palate and provide a lengthy finish of spice and red fruit.		
Serve with	Pair with steak, buffalo, squab, wild pheasant, duck, and hearty stews. Or serve with a pepper crusted grilled tuna steak.		
Production	4391 cases		
Released	October 1, 2023		
Cellaring	This wine can age 10 to 15 years with proper cellaring but is drinkable now.		

