



2020 FIRE TREE VINEYARD | CARNEROS

CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKING

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Chardonnay

CLONAL SELECTION

D76, Wente

HARVEST DATES

August 27, 2020

BRIX AT HARVEST

Average 22.7°

FERMENTATION

100% barrel fermented:

61% in 60-gallon French oak barrels

39% in 500L French oak puncheons

8% of the blend completed malolactic fermentation

BARREL AGING REGIMEN

Aged 7 months in barrel, 15% French new oak

All barrels stirred once a week for 5 months

PH: 3.20 pH | **TA:** 6.14 g/L

ALCOHOL: 14.1%

PRODUCTION

662 cases (9L); Bottled June 2021

WINEMAKERS

Jon Emmerich, Elena Franceschi

HERITAGE

FIRETREE VINEYARD (100%) – Firetree Vineyard is tucked in the northeastern corner of the Los Carneros AVA, off a narrow road that winds through the hills between Browns Valley and Old Sonoma Road. The Firetree Vineyard site was originally part of the Napa Ranch granted to Salvador Vallejo by the Mexican government in 1838 and was acquired by Silverado 150 years later.

SOILS + CLIMATE

Firetree Vineyard's steep, 30- to 50-degree slopes of sandstone and shale create a classic site for Chardonnay, with soils of Bressa–Dibble Complex and Cole Silt Loam, complemented by the San Pablo Bay's cooling influence..

VINTAGE

The 2020 season was an unusual one, much like the year itself. The winter was warm and dry with rain and cold weather appearing at the end of March. The mild spring season provided an early start challenged by COVID protocols but progressed successfully. Summer brought very cool mornings and warm days. This build up to harvest was interrupted by wildfires in late August and late September. The white and rosé wine harvest started in mid to late-August avoiding the full impact of the fires, resulting in excellent quality wines.

TASTING NOTES

Aromatic, with inviting scents of ripe yellow apple, pear, and mineral essence. Lively green apple and citrus flavors are met with apricot and a hint of spice and toasty oak. Overall, the wine is delicate, with a purity of fruit that leads to a desire to enjoy more.

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