



BLACK STALLION®

ESTATE WINERY

Located on the historic Silverado Trail in Napa Valley's Oak Knoll District, Black Stallion Estate Winery pays homage to the rich history of the 32-acre estate which was once home to the Silverado Equestrian Center. The property was purchased in 2010 by the Indelicato family, a fourth-generation family-owned company founded in 1924. Sourcing from the most prestigious vineyards, the winery is committed to making only the most expressive wines

VINTAGE

Each growing season we see an underlying theme that is unique and defines the vintage, and 2023 continued to follow this trend. The last few years California has experienced extreme drought conditions which led to earlier harvests with lighter crops. However, this past winter/spring provided us with frequent rainfall which led to a later budbreak in the spring, with robust shoot growth, and the promise of plentiful crop yields ahead of veraison in mid-July.

Fast forward to September and October, as California witnessed a run of beautiful weather and perfect ripening conditions for Harvest. As the grapes started to come into the winery, all varietals were showing well – with great fruit expression and flavors. Initial tastings indicate the wines from the 2023 Harvest will be incredible. The extended hang times with the delay to the start of Harvest and consistent mild weather patterns throughout the growing season allowed for a deeper development of flavors, aromas, and structure.

VITICULTURE

Los Carneros is one of Napa Valley's coolest growing regions that has marine influences of both morning fog and afternoon wind originating from the San Pablo Bay. These climatic conditions work to synergistically moderate temperature. Our Chardonnay vineyard sites in Los Carneros enjoy a long cool, growing season that allow for exceptional varietal expression to develop along with ripe fruit characteristics, fantastic balance and finesse.

WINEMAKING

The fruit for this blend was handpicked during the night, at optimal ripeness. Chardonnay clusters were gently pressed, releasing juice of exceptional balance. The juice was settled then racked to barrels for fermentation. Fermentation occurred in our cool barrel cellar for about a month. We then added malo-lactic bacteria to soften the wine's acidity. We stirred the barrels during aging to suspend the yeast (batonage). This action developed a rich and complex palate. The wine aged sur lees for 8 months.

TASTING NOTES

Black Stallion Estate Winery Chardonnay opens with aromas of citrus, golden delicious apple, stonefruit and hints of butterscotch. The flavors are tantalizing notes of bright, juicy pear and toasted bread. This Chardonnay is medium bodied with ripe fruit flavors, balanced with a bright acidity and gives way to a long, lingering and silky finish. Sip this wine on its own or pair alongside goat cheese, salads and dishes such as crab, lobster, grilled shrimp or roast chicken.

VINTAGE: 2023 • APPELLATION: *Los Carneros*

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 100% *Chardonnay*

FERMENTATION: 100% *Malolactic Fermentation*

PH: 3.29g • TOTAL ACID: 0.55 g/100ml • ALCOHOL BY VOL: 14.5%

2023 LOS CARNEROS

CHARDONNAY

