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California *Chardonnay*

92 Nickel & Nickel, 2004 Chardonnay Truchard Vineyard, Carneros–Napa Valley

Focused aromas of apricot, honey and minerals maintain their freshness. Rather tight, though expressive flavors of stone fruit, lemon and hazelnut. Long close eventually sweetens up.

90 Nickel & Nickel, 2004 Chardonnay Searby Vineyard, Russian River Valley

Sweetly perfumed scents of apricot, mango, honeysuckle and vanilla. Fruit-driven sweetness frames flavors of peach and honey with a balancing note of lime peel. Refreshingly lean finish.