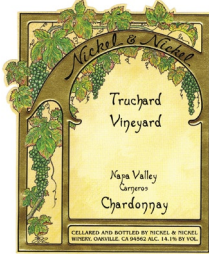


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Single Vineyard Wines

TRUCHARD VINEYARD CHARDONNAY  
2006

*technical notes:* **APPELLATION:** Carneros, Napa Valley

**FERMENTATION:** Whole cluster pressed  
barrel fermented (no ML)



**VARIETAL:** 100% Chardonnay

**TIME:** 9 months

**AGING:** French oak barrels  
(42% new, 58% once-used)

**RELEASE DATE:** March 2008

**HARVEST DATES:** September 29, 30 &  
October 1, 2006

**FIRST VINTAGE:** 2000

*vineyard description:* Truchard Vineyard lies in the heart of Carneros, prized for its rolling hills, sun exposure and cool, breezy conditions that allow long, even ripening. Nickel & Nickel makes wine from five select acres of this 270-acre vineyard, composed of volcanic ash and rock with a southwestern exposure. The growing season tends to be long in the cooler climate, allowing for fully mature fruit at harvest.

*harvest notes:* The season got off to a late start in 2006 due to rains in March and April. Budbreak occurred at the end of March, which gave us a sign that it was going to be a late year. The summer was very moderate, except for a few heat spikes in June and July. Fortunately, since the entire season was late, the fruit was not at a point where the heat caused much damage. Nice weather in August and September allowed the fruit time to fully ripen and develop the sweet, tropical flavors that are typical for this vineyard.

*sensory evaluation:* The 2006 Truchard Chardonnay is very consistent with past vintages. Tropical fruit notes of pineapple and kiwi are mixed with hints of mineral and citrus. The wine was fermented and aged in French oak barrels adding layers of vanilla and spice. This wine has a full, creamy palate, which is not a result of malolactic fermentation, but a characteristic that is inherent in the ripe fruit itself, and continues on to a long, flavorful finish.

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