



*"THE WINDS OF SONOMA LENT US OUR NAME. BE IT A STEADY BREEZE OR A FIRM GUST, AN ANABATIC WIND IS ONE THAT FLOWS UP THE HILLS OF A VINEYARD DURING CALM AND SUNNY WEATHER."*

*—JOHN SWEAZEY, PROPRIETOR*

## 2016 CHARDONNAY, CARNEROS J McK ESTATE VINEYARD

### VINEYARD NOTES

Our Estate Chardonnay comes from our sustainably farmed J McK Vineyard located on the western side of Carneros. The vineyard name is derived from Proprietor John Sweazey's children, John and McKenna. The climate on the estate is influenced by its proximity to the Pacific Ocean. The cooling influence of the anabatic winds allows the grapes a longer hang time prior to harvest, to slowly develop intense flavors while adding brightness and acidity to the final wine. 2016 was a very steady growing season, producing balanced fruit, picked at an optimal time.

### TASTING NOTES

Opulent notes of lemon oil, candied lemon peel, vanilla and subtle oak lead to a rich, lush palate with soft tannins. Juicy, ripe fruit with just the right amount of spice rounds out this classic Carneros Chardonnay.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

**Varietal:** 100% Chardonnay

**Appellation:** Carneros

**Vineyards:** J McK Estate Vineyard

**Clone:** Wente

**Harvest:** 9/10

**Brix:** 23.5

**TA:** 6.7 g/L

**pH:** 3.48

**Alcohol:** 13.9%

**Method/Aging:** Hand-sorted and whole cluster pressed. Barrel fermented (65% malolactic fermentation, retaining 35% natural malic acid). Aged 17 months sur lie in French oak barrels, 38% of which were new.

**Cooperage:** Cavin, Sirugue, Redmond

**Cases Produced:** 193

**Retail:** \$42/bottle

