



## Sangiacomo Vineyards Chardonnay

2021

### *Tasting Notes*

Zesty notes of lime, kumquats and juicy Honeycrisp apples, with white flowers and hints of coconut cream. On the palate this wine is energetic from the start with tangy citrus, orange marmalade, and white peach, framed with clove spice.

### *Vineyards*

This bottling comes from the Green Acres site within the Sangiacomo Family Vineyards. Considered the Chardonnay sweet-spot of their plantings, these older vines, originally planted 1969, give us deep complexity and added concentration resulting in powerful and balanced Chardonnays.

**APPELLATION:** Carneros, Sonoma

**CLONES:** Robert Young, Catarina, Old Wente, Dijon 809, 548

**TERROIR:** The Sangiacomo vineyards are found in western Carneros, known for their loam and clay soils and a mixture of flat land and rolling hillsides, which has the reliable marine fog that rolls in almost every evening and burns off mid-morning.



### *Vintage 2021*

Very dry, drought driven winter with only 7 inches of rain. Intense inland heat brought the marine influence of morning fog and cooling winds to coastal vineyard sites, where places like Carneros maintained a cool and mild growing season. Much dryer soils led to smaller yields, clusters, and berries which brought early ripening and concentrated flavors.

**HARVEST:** Hand picked early September.

### *Winemaking*

After night harvesting, the Chardonnay fruit arrives at Saintsbury within the hour of its pick. The clusters are sorted and transferred directly to a gentle, whole cluster press. The settled juice then goes to barrel for fermentation. During its 9 months in French oak barrels, we employ batonnage to ensure a complex and well-balanced wine.

**AGING:** 9 months in 5% new French oak - combination of barrels and puncheons.

**ALCOHOL:** 13.5%

**PRODUCTION:** 2,771 cases

**RETAIL:** \$38

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