



# BONNEAU WINES

## 2014 Los Carneros Catherine's Vineyard, *Estate Grown* **CHARDONNAY**

### **About the Winery**

Bonneau Winery is operated by the third generation of Bonneaus with family history dating back to the early 1920s in Sonoma, California. Catherine & Auguste Bonneau originally came to America from the vineyard lands near Tarn, France and began farming a 70 acre parcel of land just south of the town of Sonoma. After growing and providing Chardonnay grapes to several well-known wineries in both Sonoma and Napa, the family launched its own brand in 2002.

Our Chardonnay grapes were carefully selected and hand-picked before dawn from our vineyard estate located in the heart of the Los Carneros appellation. Extra care was taken in the handling of the grapes to preserve the optimum flavor & varietal character by whole-cluster pressing in the cool early morning hours then barrel fermenting & aging the wine in premium French Burgundian oak barrels at our new state-of-the-art winery facility.

John Bambury is the Director of Winemaking and handles all the winemaking responsibilities.

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### **The Vineyard**

Name: Catherine Bonneau Vineyard  
Appellation: Los Carneros  
Clones: 4 (Martini), 17 (Wente), 96,  
809 (Musque)  
Spacing: 7' rows x 5' vines  
Training: Cane  
Yield: 3.75T per acre  
Year Planted: 1988 & 2006

### **The Harvest**

Date: September 16 -24, 2014  
Grapes: 100% Chardonnay, 4 clones blended  
Sorted: Hand-harvested before dawn, cold  
pressed  
Brix at Harvest: 22. - 24.7

### **The Production**

Fermentation: 100% barrel fermented, partial  
malo-lactic and *sur lie* aged 9  
months.  
Barrels: 65% New French oak  
Coopers: Sirugue, Damy, Billon, Tonnellerie  
Val du Loire, Marsonnay  
Aged: 10 months  
Production: 787 cases

### **Wine Profile**

Alcohol: 14.3 %  
TA: 0.53 g/100mL  
pH: 3.56



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**Winemaker Notes:** The 2014 Chardonnay grapes are grown on our coveted estate Bonneau Vineyard. We used a blend of three distinct clones, Young/Wente clone 17, Martini clone 4 & clone 809 Musque. Our unique combination adds complexity that makes Bonneau Chardonnay distinctive. It has a light gold color, with wonderful aromas of pineapple, stone fruit, citrus and spices. Its fresh acidity brightens up the palate, introducing flavors of tropical fruit, apple, hazelnut, vanilla and spices. On the palate, this Chardonnay offers an elegant medium bodied mouth-feel with a silky smooth texture that lengthens its pleasant finish from the first glass to the last.

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