

# SMOKESCREEN

“Chardonnay” – Napa Valley, California



## TECHNICAL NOTES

**Alcohol:** 13.5% by vol.

**Region:** Carneros, Napa Valley, California

**Ageing:** 100% French Oak

**Varietal:** 100% Chardonnay

**Winemaker:** Paul Johnson, Gary Galleron

## WINEMAKING

The winery uses fruit from the cool-climate southern Carneros region that enjoys a long growing season that ripens its fruit fully while retaining its bright acidity. To complement this fruit, they also use grapes from the warmer vineyards in northern Carneros. This fruit is riper and makes richer, fuller chardonnays, which allows them to craft a complex and elegantly structured wine that drinks beautifully on release, but ages well in bottle. The wine ferments in French barrels that are 85% neutral and 15% new.

## TASTING NOTES

The Smokescreen Chardonnay exhibits a mouthfeel that is rich and round with flavors of pear, apple, and honeydew that are accompanied by a long, succulent finish enhanced by refreshing mineral and spicy oak tones.

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