



2018 POSEIDON VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY CARNEROS BLANC DE BLANCS

This vibrant and complex wine showcases one of the premiere Chardonnay vineyards within the southern Napa Valley AVA, Napa Carneros. It is a bright, crisp sparkler that will age beautifully over the next 20+ years, developing attractive caramelized, nutty, and seasoned flavors and aromas. Made in limited quantities, this is one of two sparkling wines crafted in 2018 that highlights a specific vineyard within our portfolio.

Poseidon Vineyard was first planted in 1984 by Carneros region pioneer, Nicolas Molnar. The Poseidon Vineyard is located at the convergence of the Carneros Creek and the Napa River, as they drain into the picturesque San Pablo Bay. This southernmost region of Napa enjoys a unique maritime climate, influenced by the winds and morning overcast skies driven by the bay to the south. This coastal proximity creates a cool, foggy environment, ideal for cultivating Chardonnay grapes known for their elegant flavors and balanced acidity. The vineyard's soil primarily consist of loamy clay, which retains moisture and provides excellent drainage, contributing to the health of each vine and the production of exceptional wines.

For the 2018 vintage, early season rains caused both bud break and flowering to start late. However, ideal weather conditions persisted to start the season, creating plentiful and even fruit set. Summer brought generous sun and the cooler marine influences of the Carneros AVA were virtually uninterrupted by major heat spikes. This relatively mild summer was followed by extended fall sunshine and moderate heat. These near-ideal conditions resulted in superb grape quality, with complex flavors and balanced acidity.



Tasting Notes

“This 2018 ‘Poseidon Vineyard’ Blanc de Blancs boasts a bouquet of lemon-lime, kiwi, pear, apple, and dried apricot, heightened with hints of brioche, toasted sourdough, and hazelnut. A dense midpalate showcases flavors of lemon curd, candied citrus peel, and ginger, which drive to a tart, tangy, and quenching finish.”

- Winemakers Jessica Koga, Sean Thompson and Hugh Davies

Varietal Composition:	100% Chardonnay
Appellation:	Napa Valley Carneros
Primary Vineyards:	100% Poseidon
Barrel Fermentation:	29%
Alcohol:	12.4%
TA:	0.83 g/100 mL
pH:	3.10
RS:	0.90 g/100 mL
Harvest Dates:	September 4 - 7, 2018
Bottling Date:	April 24, 2019
Disgorging Dates:	August 1 - 3, 2023
Release Date:	November 1, 2023
Cases Produced:	1,245 (9 liter)
Suggested Retail:	\$105
Available Format:	750 mL