



# 2024 Carneros CHARDONNAY

Beloved around the world, Rombauer Chardonnay was first produced in 1982. It wasn't until 1990, however, that Rombauer made their first Chardonnay from the Carneros region, where the San Pablo Bay meets the southern end of Napa and Sonoma valleys. The cool climate and specific soils of this region provide ideal conditions for this quintessential Carneros Chardonnay with the Rombauer hallmarks of intense fruit flavors balanced by fresh acidity.

## VINEYARDS

The fruit for this wine comes from estate vineyards in the Carneros region and select growers including the Sangiacomo family, long-term grower partners who have farmed this land for three generations.

## WINEGROWING

2024 was another classic vintage with good winter rain and moderate spring, ending with warm spells in September that brought us good yields. These perfect conditions allowed optimal fruit ripeness while still preserving the signature acid and body for which Rombauer wines are known. Sustainable farming practices used throughout the growing season were tailored to each block with the assistance of aerial photos produced using NDVI (Normalized Difference Vegetation Index) technology. We picked at night when each block reached its optimal ripeness, preserving the natural acidity of this Chardonnay.

## WINEMAKING

The grapes were gently whole-cluster pressed while the fruit was still cool. The juice was pumped to tank to cold-settle overnight before it was racked to barrel for primary and malolactic fermentations. The lees were stirred every 7-10 days to give the wine rich flavors and a creamy texture.

## TASTING NOTES

Fragrant aromas of yellow peach and ripe melon are found on the nose, interspersed with bright citrus notes. These continue on the palate with notes of creamy vanilla and buttery nuances on the long finish. Rombauer's signature bright acidity is evident throughout each sip, balancing the softness of the mid-palate.

## FOOD PAIRINGS

Our favorite Joy of Cooking® pairings\* for this wine include Crab Cakes, Barley Risotto, and Strawberry Shortcake. \*Recipes for pairings may be found on Rombauer.com.



RELEASE DATE	August 2025
APPELLATION	Carneros
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Chardonnay
HARVESTED	Aug. 28 - Oct. 8 2024
AVG BRIX AT HARVEST	24.0
COOPERAGE	9 months in American and French oak barrels (37% new)
ALCOHOL	14.6%