



PATZ & HALL

2008 HUDSON VINEYARD - CARNEROS CHARDONNAY

Vineyard Character: Hudson Vineyard is located in a cool section of Carneros, in a small valley that offers some shelter from the wind. Our 4-acre block of the vineyard features well-drained Haire loam soils and is planted to two clones, the Hudson-Wente selection (which as the name implies, was isolated by Lee Hudson himself) and Dijon 95. The unique location of Hudson Vineyard allows the grapes longer hangtime to develop flavor and intensity, without sacrificing acidity and balance.

Tasting Notes: Striking a balance between elegant and super-rich, this is a great vintage for our Hudson Vineyard – Carneros Chardonnay, and one of the standouts of the growing season. The aromas are bright and pure, with exuberant notes of pineapple, peach and pear. On the palate, this wine continues revealing its vibrant nature with more sophisticated layers of poached pear, spice cake, caramel apple ginger and clove, supported by lovely density and a creamy mouthcoating texture.

Winemaking:

100% Chardonnay fruit
Whole cluster pressed
100% indigenous yeast fermentations (wild)
Sur lie aged with weekly stirring
100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel
40% new Burgundian French oak barrels
Bottled without filtration

Release Date: March 2010

THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS

Lee Hudson - Hudson Vineyard – Carneros

Lee Hudson founded Hudson Vineyard in the 1980s when he purchased the land to stop it from becoming a condominium development. This act of conservation and generosity has resulted in a phenomenal vineyard. In fact, Hudson Vineyard is widely considered one of the grand cru sites in Carneros. We are fortunate to share a prized block of this amazing vineyard with Lee himself.

James Hall
Winemaker