



Ella Sofia Carneros Chardonnay

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This wine is dedicated to my daughter, Ella Sofia, born in 2007—the only vintage of the Jeff Gordon Collection that will carry her name as it commemorates the happiness she has brought me. I truly hope you enjoy the complexities and subtle flavors of the wine as it matures with Ella Sofia.

The 2007 Jeff Gordon Collection Carneros Chardonnay is our fourth release of this most popular varietal. The grapes for this selection come from a 35 year old, Wente Clone Vineyard, planted on the Sonoma County side of Carneros, just south of the town of Sonoma.

This wine is pale yellow, straw in color. Aromas of tropical fruit, pineapple & mango mingle with hints of ripe melon, green apple and toasty oak. This wine is well balanced with a full body and moderate oak. Flavors of passion fruit, caramel, and zesty citrus show through in the long finish.

The grapes for this wine were picked at 24.5 brix of sugar, gently hand sorted, whole-cluster pressed, cold settled, inoculated with yeast, and racked to barrels for fermentation. Barrel selection was 30% new Damy, French Oak and 70% two and three year old French oak barrels. After the completion of fermentation, the wine was inoculated with a malolactic culture, stirred every other week, and surlees aged for 8 months. 250 cases produced.

Alcohol: 14.2%

Total Acid: 0.65 g/100ml

PH: 3.60



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