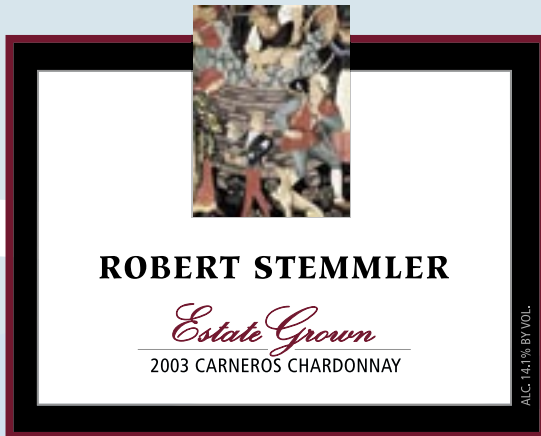


Appellation Signature

2003 Estate Grown Chardonnay
Carneros Appellation



A Discovery Panel favorite.

This is the “bell-ringer” of the flight which most represents Carneros, according to one panelist. It has typical Carneros structure of acidity, **minerality**, and a bit of greenness. “**This is the kind of wine I’m trying to make,**” remarked another. Another commented “great,” with an exclamation point. (Carneros Appellation Discovery Tasting: Jan. 19, 2006)

A New Era of Carneros Chardonnay Reveals a Uniform Regional Style of Elegance

by Alan Goldfarb, Napa Regional Editor

A panel of distinguished wine makers and principals took part in the Appellation Discovery Program. **Michael Richmond**, Winemaker, Vice President and GM, Bouchaine Vineyards, **John Clews**, Director of Vineyard and Winery Operations, Clos du Val Winery, **Stephane Vivier**, Winemaker, HdV Wines, **Armando Ceja**, Winemaker, Ceja Vineyards, **Anne Moller Racke**, **Winegrower, The Donum Estate and Robert Stemmler Wines**. The Appellation Discovery Program seeks to identify threads of commonality and to pinpoint terroir based signatures in the wines of each appellation, if such commonality exists, or is developing. The Discovery Process is centered on structured tastings designed to distill the specific wine characteristics associated with the terroir and cultural traditions of each region. Wines that are determined by the Discovery Panel to best express the characteristics of their appellation earn Appellation America’s “Appellation Signature” distinction.

“... the overall quality of the wines, which saw elegance without the overuse of oak, was that if one is tired or turned off to Chardonnay, they need to try these.”

– Alan Goldfarb

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