

In 1983, Tony and Herta (HB) Peju purchased thirty acres of vines in the famed Rutherford district of Napa Valley. They worked hard to build a winery, plant estate vineyards and raise their family. PEJU remains family-owned with Tony and HB's two daughters, Ariana and Lisa, guiding the business today. Ariana and Lisa are bringing fresh ideas while maintaining the meticulous focus on quality that began 40 years ago. With its landmark tower and warm hospitality, PEJU Winery is an integral part of the Napa Valley landscape.





SRP: \$29.99

Legacy Collection 2020 Chardonnay, Carneros

VINEYARDS

We believe great wines are made in the vineyard and are committed to farming sustainably and naturally to preserve these properties for the long term. We are certified Napa Green at our Rutherford winery and vineyard. In 2019 all six of our estate vineyards were certified Fish Friendly Farming, as part of our ongoing commitment to sustainability.

VINTAGE

The 2020 Carneros growing season produced smaller clusters across the board with concentrated flavors and lower brix at harvest. A warm, dry winter kicked off the year and we didn't experience the typical chilly rains until end of March. Summer 2020 in Carneros was relatively cool followed by a late season warming trend that led to an early pick during mid-August.

TASTING

Deep golden in color, our Carneros Chardonnay opens with lovely aromas of citrus, green apple and crème brûlée. The palate is soft and creamy from complete malolactic fermentation and *sur lie* aging with weekly stirrings. Flavors of Meyer lemon and pear flow over the tongue followed by hints of minerality. Barrel fermented and aged in French oak, this vintage shows elegant structure with vibrant acidity and a supple yet lingering finish.

DETAILS	
Appellation:	Carneros
Composition:	100% Chardonnay
Aging:	French oak, 25% new, <i>sur lie</i> 4 months
Fermentation:	100% barrel fermented,
	100% malolatic fermentation
Harvest:	August 2020
Release:	February 2022
Winemaker:	Sara Fowler
Alcohol:	14.1%

ACCOLADES 91 points, James Suckling