



Truchard Vineyards

Chardonnay Napa Valley Carneros 2006

91 Points - We should all thank our lucky stars that wineries such as Truchard continue to thrive in the Napa Valley, where \$20 or \$30 for a bottle of wine is considered chump change. Truchard produces a reliably outstanding product within that range, and its '06 chardonnay is no exception. This lovely wine draws you into the glass with the aroma of fresh lemon creme, a tell-tale sign of cool-climate chardonnay. On the palate there is a subtle hint of brown spice and vanillin extracted from the well-judged use of oak, and a freshness and minerality that are now more common in California chardonnay. Impeccably balanced and delicious. **Best buy.** (August 6, 2008)