

	Retail	Savings
<b>\$24.99</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>17%</b>

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## 2016 Laird Chardonnay product-timed-pdf - Cold Creek Ranch, Carneros - 90pts Wine Spectator | 17% Savings!!

### Why We're Drinking It

In earlier vintages, the Wine Spectator has raved that Laird's Cold Creek Chard is, "most intriguing", "presented in a full-bodied style", "delicate and expansive", with a "persistent finish", while Wine Enthusiast seemed to echo their delight, noting it's, "A real crowd pleaser".

This Chardonnay is a luminous example of a cool-climate white. Absolutely 100% of the fruit came from the Cold Creek Ranch, located on the Sonoma County side of the Carneros District. This, together with Burgundian clones, results in a balanced, zesty Chardonnay with ample fruit framed by acidity and mineral notes. Winemakers chose 50% malolactic fermentation and 11 months aging in French oak (50% new) for this Chardonnay, a decision that bridges the two opposing philosophies for Chardonnay. Their bet paid off: This wine is both buttery and citrusy with toasted pastry and almond notes along with a lemony core and a rich, juicy finish. It's the kind of Chardonnay that is equally adept as a sipping wine or a wine for the table.

#### Reasons We Love It:

- The Laird family is the largest private vineyard owners in all of Napa Valley, which means access to tremendous fruit. Laird just keeps delivering the goods year after year!
  - Grown in the slightly cooler microclimate of the Sonoma side of the Los Carneros district to the west, where thick fog and cool marine winds protect its tender skins. Indigenous to the Burgundy region of France, Clones 15 and 95 at a 50:50 ratio exhibit an approachable style and luminous, golden color.
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### Tasting Notes

Golden straw in color, the wine has aromatics of tropical fruits, sweet nectarine, melon, and vanilla. On the palate, jasmine, citrus, and ripe Fuji apple are complemented by a creamy mouthfeel and hints of lemon curd. The finish lingers, making you yearn for the next sip.

**VARIETAL**  
100% Chardonnay  
**APPELLATION**  
Carneros, Napa Valley  
**ALCOHOL**  
14.60  
**SIZE**  
750ml  
**BLEND**  
100% Chardonnay

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### The Story to Know

After nearly 50 years in the wine business, Laird understands the ins and outs of the industry, from the trends to the challenges. The winery believes that their success is due to our vineyard expertise as well as a shared goal to produce great estate wines.

With a concentration on Napa and Carneros vineyards, they seek to produce wines that are "a window to a place." Each one of the vineyards is different in expression, with its own subtle, yet distinctive character and voice. Each year renews an intense drive to understand, react to, and work with each vineyard to allow it to reach its full potential. This process, lead by the winemaking and vineyard management team, is crucial for the execution of successful wines.

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### Perfect Pairings

Pairs beautifully with pasta with creamy sauces, fish and seafood, grilled chicken and pork. For cheeses try Brie, Goat Cheese or Camembert. a gorgonzola and apple salad and roasted chicken.

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## Ratings

90pts. Wine Spectator

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