

Nicholson Jones

2013 Nicholson Jones Chardonnay “Dolly Vineyard”

Vintage:	2013
Varietal:	100% Chardonnay
Vineyard:	100% Truchard “Dolly” Vineyard Carneros, Napa Valley
Aging:	100% Stainless Steel Cold fermentation on the lees for 6 months
Bottled:	Apr-2014
Released:	May-2017
Alcohol %:	14.1%
Production:	280 cases



Tasting Notes

The 2013 Dolly Hill is pale white gold in color with green glints. The nose shows a complex floral note from the extended time on it's lees. Over-steeped chamomile tea gives way to classic yellow apple, ripe pear and melon aromas. The palate is full bodied, yet crisp. The melon and apple really come through with almond and hazelnut playing a complicating role. There's a Chablis like character to the long, smokey, mineral laced finish.

Terroir

The Dolly Vineyard is located on a southwest facing hillside behind the Joann and Tony Truchard Family home in Carneros. This vineyard is several miles in from San Pablo Bay along very hilly terrain. It is a bit warmer here; a relative term considering Carneros is the coolest climate to grow fruit in Napa. These twenty plus year old vines are farmed by Tony Truchard and produce wonderfully full yet clean chardonnay favors. I very much enjoy going to see this vineyard; it is very old school and reminds me of what Napa was like many years ago. Truchard farming, the Carneros climate and the rocky hillside soils gives this vineyard true Terroir.

Julien Fayard, *Winemaker*

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