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DIRT AND WATER INTO GRAPES AND WINE

2016 Terragena Chardonnay
Abbassi Vineyard

Crisp Chardonnay with bright acid, complex aromatics, and persistent finish, which are hallmarks of this traditional Burgundy grape. Transplanted into the Carneros region of Sonoma County these low yielding, 40+ year old vines produce wine with vivacious floral and fruit aromatics of apple, stone fruit, and lilies while young. Expect the wine to mature with these and other aromas of honeysuckle, cinnamon, and caramel as it ages gracefully over the next 10+ years. 852 bottles produced and bottled unfined and unfiltered.

Technical Notes
Vineyard: Abbassi Family
Vintage: 2016
Varietal: 100% Chardonnay
Clone: 37 on 110R rootstock
Soil: Huichica Loam, a silty to sandy loam
Cooperage: ⅔ neutral and ⅓ new French Oak
Alcohol: 11.8 %
Harvest: August 19, 2016
Appellation: Carneros AVA
pH: 3.35
TA: 6.9 g/L
Amount produced: 71 cases

About the Vineyard
This small family vineyard was planted in 1976.

From the Abbassi family:
Our Chardonnay is on .75 acres, and the clone is 37 on 110R rootstock. Our Pinot Noir is on 2 plus acres, including clones 91 on 110R rootstock, 115 on 3309 rootstock, and 71 (777) on 3309 rootstock.
The aspect is northern with a slope of less than 1%. Our soil is Huichica Loam, which is a sandy to silt loam.
Our elevation is 100 feet at the street sloping down to 96 feet.

About the Winery
The Terragena Vineyard team, headed by winemaker and vineyard proprietor Chris Buchanan, crafts limited production wines with the same spirit of adventure that first led us to build our off-grid vineyard in Humboldt County. We are inspired by the ruggedly beautiful hills, forests, and meadows around us to create wine that expresses these characteristics of the land without any added fluff or distraction.
Terragena is a latin word meaning "born of the earth." We are dedicated to sustainably expressing the unique characteristics of our estate vineyard as well as our diverse partner vineyards by nurturing the wine from the earth to the bottle.