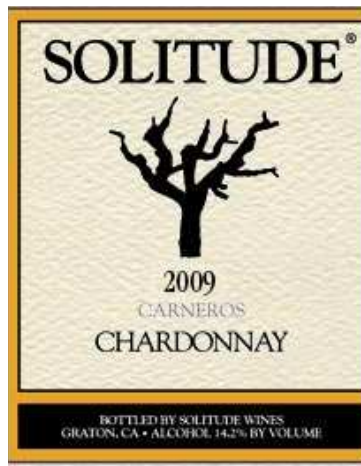


# SOLITUDE

## 2009 CARNEROS CHARDONNAY



### WINERY:

**Owner:** The *Solitude* brand is owned by the Dreyer Wine Company. The Dreyer family has been farming for three generations, and has been producing wines in both Sonoma and Mendocino County for over thirty years. Other Dreyer brands include Seabiscuit Ranch and Il Cuore.

**Winemaker:** Richard Litsch is the winemaker for the Solitude wines. Born and raised in California, Richard became interested in wine while attending the university of California, Davis. After obtaining his B.S. degree in 1983, he began work at Rombauer Vineyards. After two years in the Napa valley, he was off to Australia, working a harvest and traveling extensively through both Australia and New Zealand's wine country. Upon returning, Richard became Assistant Winemaker at Chalone Vineyard, and established *Solitude* in 1986.

### DESCRIPTION:

Winemaker Robert Litsch says about this wine "This is my twenty-second vintage of making SOLITUDE Chardonnay. Over this period the wine has developed a reputation for consistency and value. As always our grapes came from four ranches within the Sangiacomo Family Vineyards just south of the Town of Sonoma. This wine exhibits the classic character of the Carneros. Tropical fruit, ripe pear and coconut aromas are complimented by a seamless integrated mouth feel and a long-lasting smooth finish."

### HARVEST:

### SOURCE:

### FERMENTATION:

### COOPERAGE:

October 5 to October 8, 2009. Brix at Harvest: 25.8

Sangiacomo Family Vineyards, Carneros, Sonoma

Fermented, primary and malolactic in oak barrels.

Fermented and aged for 10 months in One third new, one third once used, one third twice used oak barrels. 75% French Oak, 25% American Minnesota Oak barrels.

### TECHNICAL:

### BOTTLED:

### PRODUCTION:

Alcohol 14.2% by volume, pH 3.24, Total Acid 7.47 gm/L

August 24, 2010

3,180 cases

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