



*“Mountain
vineyards,
classical
winemaking,
limited
production”*

LA CARRIÈRE VINEYARD

*Peter Michael Estate
Eastern Sonoma County*

Planted: 1994

Chardonnay clonal selections:

See: 14%

Dijon: 60%

Hyde: 26%

Elevation: 1,600 – 1,800 feet

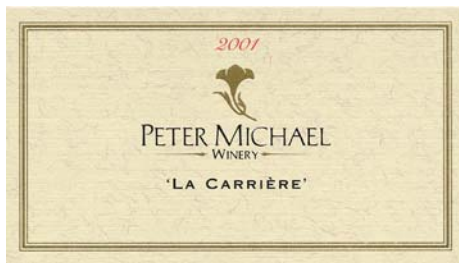
Soil: volcanic-origin rhyolite

Exposure: south-southeast

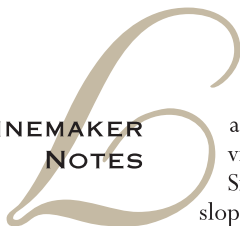


PETER MICHAEL
WINERY

2001
LA CARRIÈRE
Estate Chardonnay



**WINEMAKER
NOTES**



a Carrière, French for “the quarry”, aptly describes this vineyard's bowl shape and its tremendously rocky soils.

Situated between 1600 and 1800 feet above sea level on steep slopes approaching forty percent, the vineyard has ideal southern and southeastern exposures. The vineyard is influenced by cool marine breezes and has soils that are shallow, providing low fertility—factors advantageous in producing world-class Chardonnay.

In making clonal selections for La Carrière, our goal was to produce an elegant wine whose flavors would be accentuated by exceptional high-toned mineral aspects reflective of the vineyard's rocky soils. We chose the Hyde field selection and the best Dijon clones from Burgundy because they possess the flavor and aroma complexity desired for making such a wine.

**TASTING
NOTES**

The 2001 La Carrière may be the best vintage so far. The terroir driven minerality is evident; wet river stone and baking flour come to mind. These elements are highlighted with citrus notes of lemon and lime with a toasty background of pain-grillé. The exquisite elegance is equally rewarding on the palate. The wine is rich and smooth without being too powerful. The mineral core of this wine will allow it to age well over the next 7-10 years like its Burgundian cousins.

**WINE
INFORMATION**

Harvested: August 27th - September 4th, 2001

100% naturally fermented using native yeast

100% barrel fermented

Barrel aged sur lies for 11 months with weekly bâtonnage

Bottled unfinned and unfiltered January 2003

Alcohol 14.9%

Production: 1,200 cases 750 ml bottles, 40 cases magnums

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