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Californian Chardonnay: 10 exciting producers

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California's once travel-shy Chardonnay producers are increasingly venturing beyond their cellar doors to take their wines to the world stage. Linda Murphy picks her 10 most exciting producers, and their wines to try

Truchard Vineyards Carneros, Napa Valley

This Napa Carneros producer doesn't get the credit it should for its remarkably fresh, balanced Chardonnays. Winemaker Sal De Ianni has been with Truchard for 18 years, dodging the spotlight while making wines that are brilliantly refreshing and energetic, as well as excellent value.

His bosses, former Texans Jo Anne and Tony Truchard, own 160ha in Carneros and grow Roussanne, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel and Tempranillo, among other varieties, for themselves and others; the Chardonnay is particularly notable, year after year.

De Ianni has a deft hand with oak; his Chardonnays are pure, mid-bodied and kissed with vanilla and spice – not fancy, just delicious.

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