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## 2005 KESNER

CHARDONNAY 'HUDSON VINEYARDS'  
LOS CARNEROS

|           |  |    |
|-----------|--|----|
| AROMA     | ripe melon, wet stone mineral, hay       | 14 |
| FLAVOR    | rich yellow fruits, flowers, minerals    | 14 |
| STRUCTURE | full-bodied, refreshing med-high acids   | 14 |
| LENGTH    | long focused length of ripe fruit, clean | 14 |
| BALANCE   | rich fruit balanced by acids, seamless   | 39 |

**\$60** DRINK: 2007-2014 **95**

Jason Kesner is the Vineyard Manager for Lee Hudson, owner of the esteemed Hudson Vineyards in Los Carneros, Napa Valley. Jason clearly knows where the best plots for fruit are located and is meticulous in his winemaking.

## 2004 PAHLMMEYER

CHARDONNAY  
NAPA VALLEY

|           |  |    |
|-----------|--|----|
| AROMA     | white stone, orchard fruit, mineral, toast | 14 |
| FLAVOR    | butter, pineapple, apple, green mango      | 13 |
| STRUCTURE | ripe, a true mouthful, rich                | 15 |
| LENGTH    | some mineral and weight on length          | 14 |
| BALANCE   | graceful for its size, multi-layered       | 38 |

**\$75** DRINK: 2007-2014 **94**

With fruit from several Napa sites (52% Atlas Peak, 26% Waters Ranch, 12% Berlenbach, 10% Varozza), this is one of the best Chardonnays Pahlmeyer has produced. Winemaker Erin Green consistently brings all of the elements into perfect harmony.

## 2004 PATZ &amp; HALL

CHARDONNAY  
NAPA VALLEY

|           |                                   |    |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|----|
| AROMA     | caramel, lees, spiced pear        | 14 |
| FLAVOR    | bright, spice, caramel apples     | 15 |
| STRUCTURE | creamy mouthfeel, integrated wood | 14 |
| LENGTH    | length of pretty fruit, spice     | 13 |
| BALANCE   | bright, complex, lightly oaked    | 38 |

**\$36** DRINK: 2007-2015 **94**

From five vineyard selections in Napa, including Hudson and Hyde, with full malolactic, and 50% new French oak aging.

## 2005 TRUCHARD

CHARDONNAY  
LOS CARNEROS

|           |   |    |
|-----------|---|----|
| AROMA     | sweet pea, fresh herbs, guava           | 14 |
| FLAVOR    | cream, lime blossom, kiwi               | 14 |
| STRUCTURE | medium-high acid, medium oak            | 14 |
| LENGTH    | medium long finish of citrus, vanilla   | 13 |
| BALANCE   | fairly dense fruit kept buoyant by acid | 37 |

**\$30** DRINK: 2007-2012 **92**

Truchard Vineyards is a small family owned winery in the Carneros region of Napa Valley. Proprietors Tony and Jo Ann Truchard have managed a successful vineyard and grown exceptional grapes for over 30 years.

## 2003 EL MOLINO

PINOT NOIR  
RUTHERFORD

|           |   |    |
|-----------|---|----|
| AROMA     | dusty cherry, shitake mushroom          | 14 |
| FLAVOR    | ripe cherry pie, raspberry, Asian spice | 15 |
| STRUCTURE | rich, elegant, low tannins, med body    | 14 |
| LENGTH    | fruit finish, rich with long length     | 14 |
| BALANCE   | silky, elegant, lovely balance          | 36 |

**\$60** DRINK: 2007-2020 **93**

The Rutherford bench of Napa Valley for Pinot Noir? This wine displays classic Pinot Noir character: cherry, raspberry, an earthy kiss of mushroom and bark. The body is gorgeous. Small production, but well worth seeking out.

## 2005 BYRON KOSUGE WINES

PINOT NOIR 'THE SHOP'  
LOS CARNEROS

|           |   |    |
|-----------|---|----|
| AROMA     | black plum, blueberry, spice, pepper        | 15 |
| FLAVOR    | lush dark cherry, plum, herb, spice         | 14 |
| STRUCTURE | med-full body, fine tannins, lushly fruited | 14 |
| LENGTH    | long with final black/blue fruit notes      | 14 |
| BALANCE   | great mid-palate of fruit, compelling       | 38 |

**\$35** DRINK: 2008-2016 **95**

The first fifteen years of Byron Kosuge's winemaking career were spent making wine at Saintsbury in Carneros. Pinot is his passion. The fruit for this wine is sourced from a small patch near The Farm, a restaurant in Carneros.

## 2005 PATZ &amp; HALL

PINOT NOIR 'HYDE VINEYARD'  
LOS CARNEROS

|           |   |    |
|-----------|---|----|
| AROMA     | strawberry coulis, vanilla, blueberry     | 14 |
| FLAVOR    | kitchen spic, red berry, heat             | 13 |
| STRUCTURE | full-bodied & ripe with velvety texture   | 13 |
| LENGTH    | long, powerful finish that coats mouth    | 14 |
| BALANCE   | alcohol, super ripe fruit, balanced acids | 38 |

**\$60** DRINK: 2008-2016 **92**

Anne Moses is one of the most talented winemakers in California, producing intriguing, exciting Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. This wine is deep and rich with great aging potential. I look forward to drinking this wine for the next 10 years.

## 2005 ROBERT SINSEY

PINOT NOIR 'ARIES'  
LOS CARNEROS

|           |   |    |
|-----------|---|----|
| AROMA     | cola, sandalwood, initial sulphur         | 13 |
| FLAVOR    | sweet/tart candy, cranberry, sour cherry  | 13 |
| STRUCTURE | light body, tart red fruits, fine tannins | 13 |
| LENGTH    | medium length                             | 13 |
| BALANCE   | very integrated, bright fruit and acidity | 38 |

**\$23** DRINK: 2007-2018 **90**

Made from organic grapes, there are only 60 barrels of this wine produced. For those who aren't familiar with Robert Sinskey Winery, the wines are biodynamic, well-made and age-worthy. The Aries is no different.

## 2005 BYRON KOSUGE WINES

SYRAH 'HUDSON VINEYARDS'  
LOS CARNEROS

|           |  |    |
|-----------|--|----|
| AROMA     | black pepper, wet earth, spice, cola     | 14 |
| FLAVOR    | black/white pepper, black cherry, anise  | 14 |
| STRUCTURE | med+ body, med+ acid, fine tannins       | 14 |
| LENGTH    | medium length of black fruit, spice      | 14 |
| BALANCE   | bright acids tie it together beautifully | 37 |

**\$40** DRINK: 2008-2016 **93**

After 15 years at Saintsbury Byron Kosuge left in 2001, making wine for Miura in California and working on a new Pinot Noir/Syrah project in Casablanca, Chile named Kingston Family Vineyards. The fruit hails from Carneros' famed Hudson Vineyards.

## 2004 LAGIER MEREDITH

SYRAH  
MOUNT VEEDER

|           |                                    |    |
|-----------|------------------------------------|----|
| AROMA     | ripe plum, licorice, anise, earth  | 15 |
| FLAVOR    | purple/black plums, black pepper   | 15 |
| STRUCTURE | chewy tannin, full flavor and body | 14 |
| LENGTH    | very long and intense              | 14 |
| BALANCE   | balanced, delicious                | 35 |

**\$50** DRINK: 2007-2020 **93**

The vineyard is on a ridge top in the Mount Veeder District of Napa Valley and is significantly cooler than the vineyards on the Napa Valley floor. 1,300 foot elevation contributes to cool summer temperatures, as does proximity to San Francisco Bay.

## 2005 SCHOLIUM PROJECT

SYRAH 'ISEULT—HUDSON VINEYARDS'  
LOS CARNEROS

|           |   |    |
|-----------|---|----|
| AROMA     | black olive, white pepper, black cherry | 14 |
| FLAVOR    | bramble berry, dark chocolate, cherry   | 15 |
| STRUCTURE | chewy, fruited, med body, med acid      | 14 |
| LENGTH    | medium length of black cherry, olive    | 13 |
| BALANCE   | great character, thought-provoking      | 38 |

**\$80** DRINK: 2007-2020 **94**

Scholium Project's Abe Schoener began his career in wine-making while on sabbatical in 1998, as an intern at Stag's Leap Wine Cellars. The next year, he worked as a cellar rat at Luna Vineyards. By 2002, he was winemaker. This is Abe's dynamic project.

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