

06 Benziger Carneros Chardonnay

**Scoring Methodology (Uses the NVC 25-Point Wine Evaluation Scale):** {25/Perfect} ~ {24-23/Excellent} ~ {22-21/Very High Quality} ~ {20-19/Very Good} ~ {18-16/Good} ~ {15-9/Ordinary} ~ {8-6 Below Average} ~

**Wine Blogosphere 5 Star Rating System w/ the 25 point NVC System:** {Five Stars/25 - 23 pts.} ~ {Four Stars/22 - 19 pts} ~ {3 Stars/18 - 16 pts} ~ {2 Stars/15 - 9 pts} ~ {Under 9 Pts/1 Star}

*Appearance (3 Pts. Total)*

**CLARITY**  
Cloudy - Clear - Brilliant

Clear

**COLOR**  
Hue

Pale straw yellow

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Depth

Light-medium

**Total** 3



*Aroma/Bouquet (7 Pts. Total)*

**NOSE**

Pineapple, crème brulee, green apple with a hint of honey

**AROMA INTENSITY**

Light-medium

**OFF NOTES**

N/A

**Total** 5

*Taste/Texture (15 Pts. Total)*

**FIRST IMPRESSION**

Nicely viscous wine with tropical fruits like pineapple and mango. Lime zest intermixed

**MID-PALATE**

Crème brulee, light toast and butter, pineapple

**FINISH**

Pineapple, toasted coconut, under-ripe peach, Granny Smith and Red Delicious apple, with lingering acids

**TASTE INTENSITY**

Medium

**Total** 11

**Final Score** 19

**General Notes**

A very nice example of a California Chard. Mostly balanced, though a bit flabby on the front and mid-palate; it picks up steam on the finish and very nicely lingers with great integration of fruit and acid.

**Wine Blogosphere Five Star Rating**



**Wine Style (Food or Social)**

Both

**Food Pairing**

Pasta with an alfredo sauce

**Drinkable for how long?**

2010

**Price**

\$13.99

**Value Assessment**

Fair

Price Performer ~ Fair ~ Overpriced

**Who Would This Wine Interest? (WWTWI)**

Lifestyler

Terroirista ~ Enthusiast ~

~ Lifestyler ~ Adventurer/Fashionista ~

~ Social Sipper ~ Aisle Daze ~

Taster: SCB

Date: 02-23-08



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