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Sparkling Sonoma: Bubbles from Your Backyard

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Elevate your celebrations with these local bottles

DOMAINE CARNEROS

Although Domaine Carneros officially has a Napa address, the Carneros AVA stretches across both Sonoma and Napa. Domaine Carneros provides a lovely stop between the two. Founded by the noble family behind Champagne Taittinger, it is one of the most stunning, elegant estates in the region with its French-inspired château, glass-walled jardin d'hiver, expansive terrace, and sweeping valley views. Domaine Carneros produces traditional method sparkling and still wines from almost exclusively estate grown Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grapes.

2013 LE RÊVE BLANC DE BLANCS (\$120)

Gorgeously crafted from 100 percent Chardonnay, this is that very special bottle for a gift or celebration. French for “the dream,” Le Rêve is Domaine Carneros’ respected tête de cuvée, the winery’s finest sparkling wine and frequently named America’s Best Sparkling. Expect lovely notes of toasted brioche, honeysuckle, yuzu, citrus blossoms, and a hint of ginger, with a palate opening up to honeycomb and lychee.

2014 JARDIN D’HIVER CUVÉE (\$59)

This limited edition cuvée, a dry and richly layered, late-disgorged ultra-brut, is a completely new style at Domaine Carneros. This special bottle was released in honor of the Château’s beautiful new Jardin d’Hiver, a grand glass room overlooking the sweeping vineyards and rolling hills of Carneros. Aromas of caramelized pear, toasted macadamia nut, fresh flowers, and crisp green apple with a hint of lime zest combine with notes of pear, lychee, key lime, and honeydew melon on the palate. Exquisite!

VISITING THE ESTATE: Domaine Carneros offers tastings on their terrace by reservation. With its expansive outdoor space with stunning views and array of curated tastings and pairings, Domaine Carneros is a perfect and safe setting for enjoying the best of wine country. Visit [Domaine Carneros online](#) for more information.



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