



Garagiste

WINE CLUB

[gar-uh-zheest'] noun - A French term used to describe independent, artisan winemakers crafting small batches of wine in garage-type settings and not yet discovered by the mainstream.

Coplan Vineyards

Owner: Carole Coplan Winemaker: Jacqueline Yoakum
 Location: Sonoma-Carneros, California

A boutique vineyard and winery located in the southeastern corner of Sonoma Valley within the esteemed Carneros AVA, Coplan Vineyards was established by Carole Coplan as a passion project in 2011. The estate that is lovingly referred to as 'Coplandia' includes a magical farmstead retreat, a 10.5 acre sustainably farmed vineyard, a sprawling olive tree orchard, and lush gardens with dozens of organically grown vegetables. The setting is all about honoring the purest of farming practices and, of course, crafting small batches of site-driven, artisan wines.



When Carole Coplan, a corporate lawyer by training, acquired the Carneros vineyard property in 2011, the original vineyard's customers were large producers who scoffed when Carole told them she would use organic, manual means to regenerate the vineyard. Determined still, she accomplished what she set out to do and completely transformed the property from its conventionally farmed past into the sustainably farmed, fish-friendly, and luxurious setting it is today.

Carole's 10.5 acre vineyard is planted to both Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay, with cutting edge sustainable farming practices in place. Her Cabernet vines are highly regarded as some of the oldest in Sonoma, with some dating back to the 1940's! Carole also works with a handful of other small high quality, low-yield vineyards in the area who share the same holistic farming philosophy.

As far as the winemaking for Coplan Vineyards, Carole works closely with winemaker Jacqueline Yoakum to craft small batches of wine from the Coplan estate and a selection of other local vineyards. Coplan Vineyards currently offers tiny allocations of Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, and a Cabernet/Merlot blend. Carole and Jacqueline produce as little as one barrel for some of their exclusive vintages and rarely more than four barrels. These wines are limited and precious - truly a passion project through and through.

In addition to regenerating the vineyard to a heritage of excellence, Carole renovated the property's farmhouse into a modern and sustainable structure. The home has the first permitted gray water irrigation system in Sonoma Valley, solar energy powers 95% of its electricity, and reclaimed woods are used throughout. The popular retreat has even been featured on a French travel show and Chef's Table.

Set amidst the celebrated region of Carneros, Coplan Vineyards is something to behold and we are happy to share this producer with our Garagiste Wine Club members.

Coplan 2018 "Harpsichord" Chardonnay

Carneros, Sonoma County, California

50 cases produced

Coplan Vineyards' 2018 "Harpsichord" Chardonnay is the perfect blend of California and French-style winemaking, resulting in a wine that is complex, balanced and lush. Barrel fermented and partially put through a secondary (malolactic) fermentation, this Chardonnay finds itself with one foot in the creamy land of malolactic and the other in the crisp, refreshing land of malic acid. Beautifully floral and fruity with notes of peaches and ripe pears, this Chardonnay offers a creamy core and layers of honey, apricot, and honeysuckle, all pulled together with a kiss of oak. Aged 16 months in oak. 100% Chardonnay. Enjoy!



Gold Medal Wine Club Price: \$30.00 / bottle

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