

## TRUCHARD VINEYARDS



### ROUSSANNE—RESTAURANT NOTES

#### Who makes it?

Truchard Vineyards is a family operated winery that has been growing grapes in Napa Valley since 1973. Truchard Vineyards started making wines under their own label in 1989.

#### Where it grows?

All of Truchard's wines are estate grown in the Carneros AVA. Carneros spans the southern region of both Napa and Sonoma County and because of its proximity to the bay area, it is generally quite cooler than the rest of Napa and Sonoma. The cool climate produces wines that have bright acidity and fresh fruit characteristics. Roussanne is a late ripening varietal. It was planted on their property in an area that has more volcanic soils and better drainage.

#### What it tastes like?

It has rich aromas of green apple, honeydew melon, and lychee fruit; highlighted with pineapple and vanilla. The mouth has subtle flavors of nectarine, peach and fresh pear. Bright acidity provides a crisp finish of citrus, mineral, and spice. It is described as in between a Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc.

#### What style of wine is it?

Because of Truchard's farming roots, their philosophy is to focus on the integrity of the fruit produced and to make wines varietally correct, with a sense of place. Their wines trade opulence for balance and elegance. The Roussanne is bright and clean tasting, without a lot of oak. It develops a richness and spice characteristics as it ages.

#### What it pairs with?

Roussanne is an excellent aperitif and pairs well with seafood, poultry, and many spicy dishes.

#### What is Roussanne?

Roussanne is a traditional northern Rhone varietal. Currently, only 15-20 producers are making Roussanne in California.

#### This wine in fifteen words or less –

Tony Truchard's favorite, he has a glass every day after working in the vineyards.

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