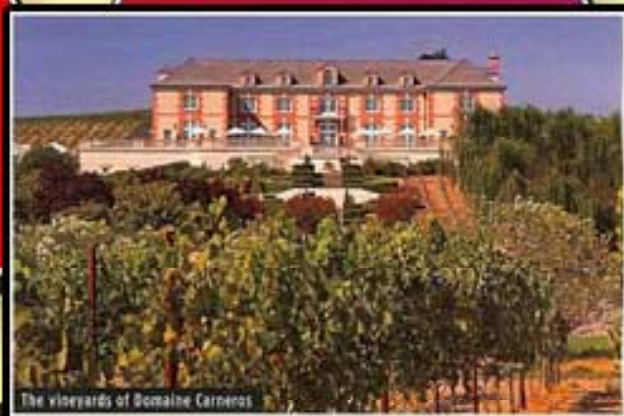


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The Schramsberg J. Schram North Coast 2001 (92, \$100), a Brut-style tête de cuvée dominated by Chardonnay, is characteristically bold and stylish yet refined, with Asian pear, lime and fresh ginger notes, while the Domaine Carneros Brut Blanc de Blancs Carneros Le Rêve 2002 (93, \$85) offers an elegant beam of crisp pear, lemon cream and cinnamon flavors. Domaine Carneros winemaker Eileen Crane explains that the 2002 is 98 percent Chardonnay with 2 percent Pinot Blanc, which she says adds peach and floral aromas along with spice on the finish.



The vineyards of Domaine Carneros

TOP WINES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
ARGYLE Extended Tirage Willamette Valley 1998 Haunting stuff, ethereal in texture, with wave after wave of rich toast, spice and baked apple flavors. From Oregon.	95	\$50
DOMAINE CARNEROS Brut Blanc de Blancs Carneros Le Rêve 2002 Delivers rich, complex flavors that offer an elegant beam of crisp pear, lemon cream and cinnamon. From California.	93	\$85
GLORIA FERRER Brut Carneros Royal Cuvée Vintage Reserve 2001 Fresh and vibrant, yet with a core of rich fruit, showing fresh ginger, pippin apple and cinnamon flavors. From California.	93	\$32
SCHRAMSBERG Brut Rosé North Coast Mirabelle NV A rosé with serious intentions, showing good focus to the flavors of raspberry, Gala apple, ginger and fig. From California.	93	\$25
ARGYLE Blanc de Blancs Dundee Hills Knudsen Vineyard Julia Lee's Block 2000 Elegant, creamy and refined, balancing citrus and pear flavors against a judicious level of toasted brioche. From Oregon.	92	\$40
DOMAINE CARNEROS Brut Carneros 2005 Beautifully focused and refined. Gala apple and raspberry aromas and flavors are crisp yet layered. From California.	92	\$26



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