

Carol Shelton

2006

Sweeter Caroline Reserve

Trousseau gris (extra) Late Harvest

Fanucchi Vineyard

Wood Road, Russian River Valley

ORGANICALLY GROWN

Every other year or so we produce a fresh and sweet little number called *Sweet Caroline* from Trousseau gris, an Alpine cousin to Pinot gris. This "Sweeter Caroline Reserve" is the delicious result of a noble experiment; we wanted to see what would happen when we pushed the limits and "let it hang." We set aside four rows in the vineyard to stay on the vine for a month longer than usual, "hanging" thru some light showers and getting nicely kissed by the "Noble Rot", *Botrytis cinerea*. We harvested at an incredible 40°Brix, crushed and did an overnight maceration to extract every bit of luscious apricot-pear flavors. It is finished with a honey-like 17% residual sugar, balanced by juicy acidity—a succulent nectar! Enjoy with cheeses or fruits, or pour over ice cream or someone you love...!

<Extremely Limited Production>

Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

Pale straw color, lovely nose of honeyed apricots and white peaches, slightly spicy nuances. Very sweet in mouth, heavier than "regular Sweet" Caroline, but not cloying—very crisply balanced with acidity and long-lasting peach-honey finish.

Harvest Date:

November 20, 2006

Average Brix at Harvest:

40.7°Brix, after overnight soak on skins

Average TA/pH at Harvest:

0.77 gm/100ml pH: 3.72

Fermentation Characteristics:

Overnight soaking on skins
then pressed and fermented cold at 55°F

Cellar Storage/Aging:

100% held cold in stainless steel

Alcohol:

12.3%

Residual Sugar:

14.8%

Total Acidity:

0.68 gm/100ml pH: 3.46

Varietal :

100% Trousseau gris, abt 70% Botryrised
(formerly known as Grey Riesling)

Appellation :

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Cases produced:

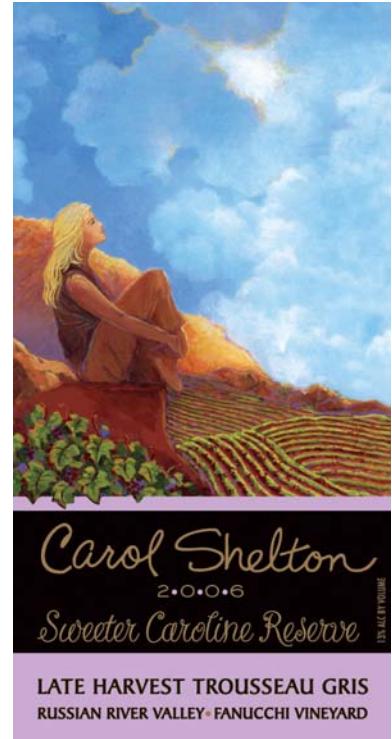
37 half-cases, in 375ml bottles

Bottling Date:

April 26, 2007

Release Date:

May 15, 2007



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