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2017 Estate Pinot Meunier



Vineyard

Bouchaine's 100-acre estate vineyard lies on the southern border of Napa Valley's Carneros district, overlooking the San Francisco bay with the financial district in the distance. Fog, wind, and the cold nighttime temperatures of this unique geographical area lend a distinctive regional identity to our Pinot Meunier.

Growing Season

2017 delivered much needed rains over winter, and beautiful weather during the growing season, resulting in an exceptional harvest. A cool, foggy summer allowed for slow ripening, high acidity, and superb flavor development.

Vinification

All fruit is hand harvested at night, preserving berry integrity and cold temperatures. After a 5-7 day cold soak, fruit is natively fermented in open top tanks. The wine is then drawn off, and the must is placed in a basket press for gentle pressing. All wines complete malolactic fermentation in French oak barrels. The Meunier blocks are kept on primary lees until bottling to enhance complexity and allow for the finest expression of Carneros.

Tasting Notes

Pinot Meunier is a dichotomy; a sip of sunshine and fog at the same time. One day it will be a bright, fresh vision of grace. Think strawberry and pomegranate; perfect for a lively conversation. The next day it will be a brooding, savory wine. Earthy mushrooms, cinnamon and blackberry; like a rainy day best spent snuggled up on the couch indoors. Either way, it's unique and delicious.

Appellation

Napa Valley, Carneros

Vineyard

Estate

Aging

10 months

Harvest Dates

September 4, 2017

Bottling Date

August 7, 2018

Maturation

20% new French oak

PH

3.65

TA

6.0 g/L

RS

0 g/L

Alcohol

14.6%

Production

360 cases (750ml)

Suggested Retail

\$68