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BOUCHAINE

NAPA VALLEY ♦ CARNEROS

2016 Dijon Clone, Estate Pinot Noir



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 Noir.

Growing Season

2016 delivered an early and exceptional harvest. Rainy, cool weather during bloom naturally reduced our crop level, leaving concentrated clusters. A cool, foggy summer allowed for slow ripening, high acidity, and superb flavor development. With no heat spikes or rush to pick, it was a smooth harvest that delivered top quality fruit.

Vinification

All fruit is hand-harvested at night, preserving berry integrity. After a 7-day cold soak, fruit is fermented with native yeast in open top tanks. The wine is then drawn off and the must is placed into a basket press for gentle pressing. All wines complete malolactic fermentation in French oak barrels. The vineyard blocks are kept separate for evaluation with the most intriguing blocks racked together in late Spring to assemble the finest expression of the Dijon clones from our estate. The blend is returned to barrel to allow the wine to marry before bottling.

Tasting Notes

You may have met my sister (the Pommard clone) by now. What can I say; she's flashy, juicy and lush. I know what they say about me, "She's more reserved and mercurial, blah, blah, blah." But give me time and once I unwind . . . watch out. Layers of dense dark fruit entwined with more spice than I know what to do with. Like I said, give me time . . . but don't miss your chance.

Appellation

Napa Valley, Carneros

Vineyard

Estate

Aging

10 months

Harvest Dates

August 25 -
September 1, 2016

Bottling Date

August 8, 2017

Maturation

28% new French oak

PH

3.6

TA

6.0 g/L

RS

0 g/L

Alcohol

14.3%

Production

430 cases (750ml)

Suggested Retail

\$62