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N A P A V A L L E Y ♦ C A R N E R O S

2015 Crescendo 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

2015 delivered a tiny exceptional harvest. It was one of the earliest harvests on record, starting with an incredibly early bud break and slowly progressing through bloom. Two hailstorms during bloom naturally reduced our crop level leaving concentrated, tiny clusters. Gorgeous weather allowed for perfect ripening and flavor development for the rest of the season.

Vinification

All fruit is hand harvested at night, preserving berry integrity. After a 5-7 day cold soak, fruit is fermented with native yeast in both open and closed top tanks. The wine is then drawn off and the must 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 and the best blocks are racked together in late Spring to assemble the finest expression of Carneros. The wine is returned to barrel to allow the blend to marry before the August bottling.

Tasting Notes

Crafted from a symphony of Pinot Noir clones on our Estate. May the tension and spice of Dijon, strawberry high notes of Swan, and the richness and depth of cocoa Pommard flavors overtake you by the end of the first glass!

Appellation

Napa Valley, Carneros

Vineyard

Estate

Aging

10 months

Harvest Dates

August 24 -
September 18, 2015

Bottling Dates

July 26 -
August 1, 2016

Maturation

20% new French oak

PH

3.4

TA

6.8 g/L

RS

0 g/L

Alcohol

14.2%

Suggested Retail

\$54