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BOUCHAINE

NAPA VALLEY ♦ CARNEROS

2014 Estate Pinot Noir



Vineyards

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 night time temperatures of this unique geographical area lend a distinctive regional identity to our Pinot Noir.

Growing Season

2014 was one of the earliest harvests on record, starting with an incredibly early bud break in January and quickly progressing through bloom. Gorgeous weather allowed for perfect ripening and flavor development. We were thrilled with the vibrant acids and fantastic quality of the fruit.

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

A tangy fresh cherry nose opens to cocoa, cola, and notes of nutmeg. The juicy lip smacking entry shows lovely cherry and wild strawberry flavors with gorgeous rose petal and baking spices in the background. Smooth tannin and vibrant acidity make this a perfect wine for food pairings.

Appellation

Napa Valley, Carneros

Vineyard

Estate

Aging

11 months

Harvest Dates

August 30 -
September 10, 2014

Bottling Dates

July 27 -
July 31, 2015

Maturation

20% new French and
Hungarian oak

PH

3.64

TA

5.36 g/L

RS

0 g/L

Alcohol

14.1%

Production

7,238 cases (750ml)

Suggested Retail

\$35