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# BOUCHAINE

NAPA VALLEY ♦ CARNEROS

## 2015 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

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

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 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%

### Production

3,920 cases (750ml)

### Suggested Retail

\$35