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# BOUCHAINE

NAPA VALLEY ♦ CARNEROS

## 2016 Swan 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 night time 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

Post fermentation, the free run wine is drawn off to barrel where it completes malolactic fermentation and integrates with the oak flavors from French barrels. One midseason racking is performed to assemble the blend. The wine is then returned to barrel to allow the blend to marry before bottling.

### Tasting Notes

Each sip of this wine brings a word association game to mind. Swan Clone . . . Swan Lake . . . Ballet . . . Ballet Dancers . . . Graceful. And like the ballet dancers themselves, this wine has a gracefulness to the palate with the structure to support it. A wine that is light on its feet, evoking flavors and aromas of just-ripe strawberry, fresh cherry and cinnamon. Each time you open a bottle is an opening-night not to be missed.

### Appellation

Napa Valley, Carneros

### Vineyard

Estate

### Aging

11 months

### Harvest Date

September 15, 2016

### Bottling Date

August 4, 2017

### Maturation

20% new French oak

### PH

3.7

### TA

5.5 g/L

### RS

0 g/L

### Alcohol

14.4%

### Production

398 cases (750ml)

### Suggested Retail

\$68

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