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2017 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 nighttime temperatures of this unique geographical area lend a distinctive regional identity to our Pinot Noir.

Growing Season

2017 delivered much needed rains over winter, and beautiful weather during the growing season, resulting in an exceptional harvest. A cool, foggy summer allowed for slow ripening, high acidity, and superb flavor development.

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

10 months

Harvest Date

September 11, 2017

Bottling Date

August 6, 2018

Maturation

16% new French oak

PH

3.57

TA

6.3 g/L

RS

0 g/L

Alcohol

14.3%

Production

425 cases (750ml)

Suggested Retail

\$68