BOUCHAINE

NAPA VALLEY ◆ CARNEROS

2016 Terraces, 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

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.

Story of This Wine

The Terraces curl around the slopes overlooking the bay on the south side of the estate. They capture predominantly morning sun and enjoy some protection from the prevailing west winds. These soils are the most well drained and volcanic on the estate. Consequently, the wines are quite distinctive, showcasing the savory intensity.

A generous portion of new French oak lends a sweet spice component to the layered flavors from this dry-farmed site.

Tasting Notes

A perfect example of a wine that displays site above all else. The same clones of Pinot Noir planted elsewhere on the property produce wines with dark berry fruit profiles. But the Terraces wrap 280 degrees around a hillside with minimal topsoil and a multitude of sun and wind exposures. They produce brooding, spicy, powerful wines with intense structure. The Terraces may be difficult to farm, but the wines produced from them are easy to love. Think charcuterie spice, savory notes of sage and thyme, and lush plum flavors knitting the palate and long finish together.

Appellation	Vineyard	Aging
Napa Valley, Carneros	Estate	11 months
Harvest Date	**Bottling Date**	**Maturation**
September 9, 2016	August 8, 2017	40% new French oak
PH	**TA**	**RS**
3.6	6.0 g/L	0 g/L
Alcohol	**Production**	**Suggested Retail**
14.5%	450 cases (750ml)	$65