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## 2022 Las Brisas Vineyard Pinot Blanc



### Vineyard

Each year we purchase a scant 1 acre block of Pinot Blanc from the Las Brisas Vineyard located in the Sonoma portion of Carneros (Carneros straddles both Napa and Sonoma). Much like our Estate vineyard, the Las Brisas vineyard is situated adjacent to the San Pablo Bay which directs the cooling fog and bay breezes into the vineyard. This cool site allows for slow even ripening and brings beautiful acidity and vibrant aromatics to the Pinot Blanc.

### Growing Season

The growing season of 2022 will ultimately be defined by the 5-day heat wave we experienced in early September. Thankfully, our crop was ready to be harvested. The heat condensed the time frame of harvest and the winery filled up quickly. Prior to the heat, the growing season in Carneros was highlighted only by its cool breezes and morning fog. With all of these factors combined, Bouchaine was able to capture the fresh acidity we know and love, while also extracting velvety structure and depth of flavor in the wines.

### Vinification

The Las Brisas Vineyard Pinot Blanc is harvested at night time when the air is cool to preserve aromatics. The fruit is whole cluster pressed and fermented in neutral oak barrels. The barrels are stirred monthly to incorporate the lees and add depth and complexity.

### Tasting Notes

When was the last time you wrote a love note for that special someone in your life? A brief, yet passionate ode to the one who makes your heart skip a beat. Need some help? “Until I see you again, my heart will break each moment you’re away from me. At day’s end your embrace is the glue that makes me whole again.” OK, fine. Maybe that’s a bit much. So try this. “Aromas of green melon and citrus. With flavors of pear and apricot dancing on the palate. Let’s enjoy this bottle of Pinot Blanc after work today. I love you.” We here at Bouchaine have done all the hard work for you. Now just go enjoy the evening.

### Appellation

Napa Valley, Carneros

### Vineyard

Las Brisas Vineyard

### Aging

6 months

### Harvest Date

September 1, 2022

### Bottling Date

April 12, 2023

### Maturation

Aged in neutral French oak and Acacia

### PH

3.42

### TA

5.93 g/L

### RS

0 g/L

### Alcohol

13.5%

### Production

350 cases (750ml)

### Suggested Retail

\$46

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