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# BOUCHAINE

N A P A V A L L E Y ♦ C A R N E R O S



## 2021 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

The 2021 growing season will be remembered as a winemaker's vintage. Not too cold, not too hot, not too wet, and no frost. However, we were in the grips of a multiyear drought. While we enjoy dry farming when we have average rainfall, in vintages where the rainfall is half of average (like 2021) we do irrigate to allow for ideal shoot growth and ripening. Bouchaine is lucky to have a huge reservoir so we were able to irrigate early in the season to get our vine canopies full. Drought conditions do have some positives when it comes to winemaking as they bring us smaller berries with beautifully concentrated flavors at harvest. We also lucked out with consistent weather throughout the summer giving us ideal ripening at an even pace. A little sun, a bit of water, and a lot of hard work in the vineyard allowed us to bring in a killer 2021 vintage!

### Vinification

All grapes are hand harvested at night, preserving berry integrity and low temperatures for cold soak. After a 5-7 day cold soak in both open and closed top tanks, only native yeast is used to ferment our Pinot Noir. The wine is drawn off at the end of fermentation 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 with the most intriguing racked together in late Spring to assemble the finest expression of Carneros. Wine is then 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

10 months

### Harvest Dates

Aug. 27 - Sept. 13, 2021

### Bottling Date

Aug. 11-15, 2022

### Maturation

21% new French oak

### PH

3.6

### TA

5.7 g/L

### RS

0 g/L

### Alcohol

14.3%

### Production

2,800 cases (750ml)

### Suggested Retail

\$45

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