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2020 Terraces Pinot Noir, Estate Selection



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 2020 growing season will certainly be remembered for years to come. As everyone huddled safely indoors to avoid the pandemic, our grapevines began their growing season by enjoying a dry, warm winter. The beautiful weather continued through spring and summer, with excellent ripening conditions allowing for an early harvest.

Vinification

All grapes are hand-harvested at night, preserving berry integrity. After the 7-day cold soak, fruit is fermented using native yeast in open-top tanks. Post-fermentation, the wine is drawn off and the must placed into a basket press for gentle pressing. Wines from the 2 terraced vineyard blocks are kept separate and allowed to evolve in French oak barrels, with the most intriguing barrels blended together in summer to showcase the finest expression of our estate terraces.

Tasting Notes

Usually, when someone is labeled "difficult to work with," that's a negative. However, in the case of the Terraces Pinot Noir, being difficult to work with is a bonus. These vines don't grow in highly-manicured, perfectly straight rows. They don't have just a single sun exposure nor is the soil profile uniform throughout the block. There is beauty in the chaos though. All the extra work that goes into these terraced hillsides is well worth it and well rewarded. Not exactly an iron fist in a velvet glove, but more like an iron fist dipped in blackberry jam and cocoa. Difficult to work with . . . but easy to love.

Appellation

Napa Valley, Carneros

Vineyard

Estate

Aging

10 months

Harvest Date

August 25, 2020

Bottling Date

July 15, 2021

Maturation

27% new French oak

PH

3.5

TA

5.7 g/L

RS

0 g/L

Alcohol

14.5%

Production

325 cases (750ml)

Suggested Retail

\$75

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