

CALIFORNIA'S FIRST PREMIUM WINERY

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Buena Vista Winery

CARNEROS

2012
PINOT NOIR

Inspired by its pioneering roots, the winery began in 1969 to explore a little-known corner straddling Sonoma and Napa's southern boundaries known as Carneros. It wasn't long until Carneros gained recognition as one of the world's premier appellations, particularly for varietals that can thrive in cool climates: Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Merlot and Syrah.

The Carneros Pinot Noir grapes were handpicked at night and hand-sorted twice before being gently destemmed. Each lot was cold soaked for a minimum of five days to maximize color and flavor extraction. The must was then fermented in small open-top fermenters to broaden the texture and complexity of the wine. After an average of 14 days on the skins, the wine was pressed gently and aged for nine months in 12% new French & Hungarian oak, with the balance in one to two-year-old barrels.

The 2012 Carneros Pinot Noir shows an enticing red burgundy color and offers beautiful bright red fruit aromas of Queen Anne cherry and cranberry with notes of white pepper, cardamom and molasses. This is a smooth wine with elegant flavors of bright raspberry and strawberry that culminate in a long, lingering finish.

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.79

Total Acidity: 5.00

Aging: 100% French and Hungarian oak barrels, 12% new



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