

## CARNEROS

## 2013 PINOT NOIR CARNEROS

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 grapes included in the 2013 Carneros Pinot Noir come from four different vineyards in the Carneros region spanning both the East and West sides. The span of vineyards included sandier soils on the West end, adding minerality, and heavy clay soil on the East end.



The grapes were handpicked at night and hand-sorted before being gently destemmed. It was then fermented in small open-top fermenters to broaden the texture and complexity of the wine and then pressed gently and aged for nine months in 15% new French & Hungarian oak, with the balance in one to two-year-old barrels.

The 2013 Carneros Pinot Noir shows an inviting deep garnet color in the glass and opens with a toasty, earthy nose highlighted by ripe raspberries and strawberries. This velvety smooth Pinot Noir presents rich, ripe fruit flavors with hints of rich caramel accented by a touch of tobacco leaf. This medium plus bodied wine spreads delightfully across the palate and has a long, clean finish. Enjoy the 2013 Carneros Pinot Noir with rich salmon or lamb loin chops.

Alcohol: 14.5% pH: 3.69 Total Acidity: 5.27

Aging: 100% French and Hungarian oak barrels, 15% new