

CARNEROS

2014 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 2014 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 ten months in 20% new French & Hungarian oak, with the balance in one to two-year-old barrels.

A deep burgundy color in the glass, our 2014 Carneros Pinot Noir opens with bright fruit aromas of Queen Anne cherry and ripe raspberry with hints of white pepper. Velvety upon the palate, flavors of strawberry and cranberry with hints of rich caramel and a touch of cardamom lead to a long, clean finish. Pair this delightful Pinot Noir with rich salmon or spiced pork chops.

Alcohol: 14.5% pH: 3.6 Total Acidity: 5.4

Aging: 100% French and Hungarian oak barrels, 20% new