

CARNEROS

2015 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 and Chardonnay.

The grapes included in the 2015 Carneros Pinot Noir come from three different vineyards in the Carneros region spanning both the East and West sides. The span of vineyards includes 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 de-stemmed. 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 13 months in 30% new French oak, with the balance in one to two-year-old barrels.

A ruby hue in the glass, our 2015 Carneros Pinot Noir offers enticing aromatics of ripe raspberry and cranberry with notes of molasses and a touch of cardamom. Ripe flavors of Queen Anne cherry and wild strawberry are complemented with notes of caramel and toasted hazelnut. Velvety and spreading, this wine has medium body with bright acidity that leads to a deliciously long finish.

Alcohol: 13.5% pH: 3.46 Total Acidity: 5.8

Aging: 13 months, French & Hungarian oak barrels, 30% new