



2017 Carneros Rosé of Pinot Noir

Sitting at the crossroads of Carneros and Napa Valley, Starmont occupies a portion of the historic Stanly Ranch. Established as a wine growing region over 150 years ago, Carneros is world renowned for sustainably growing classic Burgundian wines. With foggy mornings and cool afternoon bay breezes creating the perfect conditions, Starmont wines are expressive, approachable and distinctly Carneros.

Winemaking

Various techniques were used for extracting juice this harvest: destemming and cold soak with about 4 hours skin contact (65% of blend); whole cluster pressing (20% of blend); and Saignée bleed from tank with no less than 2 hours skin contact (7% of blend). For 2017, we incorporated an additional technique: Foot-trodding in bin with 6 hours of cluster contact (about 8% of blend). The various lots were then combined in stainless steel tanks, kept separately by technique, and fermented slowly at a cool 52°F. The separate lots were then combined post fermentation. The combination of lots from each production technique allows deep and complex flavors to develop. The wine did not undergo malolactic fermentation. Enjoy this wine immediately upon release and for the next 2 to 3 years from vintage.

<i>AVA:</i>	<i>Carneros</i>
<i>Composition:</i>	<i>100% Pinot Noir</i>
<i>Vineyards:</i>	<i>Stanly Ranch, Corrotto, Huichica Hills, DeSoto</i>
<i>Alcohol:</i>	<i>12%</i>
<i>TA:</i>	<i>5.99 g/L</i>
<i>pH:</i>	<i>3.30</i>

Wine Notes

By using four different techniques to extract color and flavor, Winemaker Jeff Crawford has crafted a wine that is crisp and light, showcasing the complex aromas and flavors of Carneros Pinot Noir. Pale salmon/pink in color, this delightfully refreshing wine is full of vibrant acidity and delicious fruit flavors (strawberry, watermelon, citrus).