

MERRYVALE

VINEYARDS

2013 Pinot Noir Carneros



Winemaking

Sourced from vineyards throughout the Carneros appellation, including our Estate Vineyard on the historic Stanly Ranch, this wine is a blend of our favorite Pinot Noir clones, including: Dijon 114, 115, 667, 777, and 828, along with Pommard & Swan. The Dijon clones bring good color, bright focused fruit, and concentration. The Pommard and Swan clones bring mid-palate depth and nuanced complexity, along with great texture and minerality. This wine was fermented with native yeast in open top tanks for 15-20 days. Fermentation was completed in French oak barrels and racked once to preserve the delicate and elegant essence of Pinot Noir.

Vintage

The Napa Valley Vintners Association described the 2013 growing season as “early, even and excellent” with the vintage showing tremendous promise and potential. The warm, dry spring brought early bud break and ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set. Temperatures were consistent throughout the summer with the exception of one heat spike in late June / early July. Billed as the earliest harvest in recent history, we began picking Chardonnay on September 1st, grapes came in at a furious pace throughout the month. Overall, harvest finished about two weeks earlier than normal and yields on the whole were above average.

Tasting Notes

Deep ruby in color with notes of red cherries, earth and orange rind in the aroma. Medium density, with intense fruit flavors and strong floral notes. A soft and delicate palate resolves into smooth velvety tannins. As this wine evolves, further floral flavors will emerge along with notes of tobacco. Properly cellared, this wine will grow and develop over the next 10 years.

Appellation:	Carneros
Blend:	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyards:	Stanly Ranch Estate, Brown Ranch, RMS
Cooperage:	30% new French oak barrels for 12 months
Alc:	14.5%
PH:	3.56
TA:	6.06 g/L

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