

# MERRYVALE

## VINEYARDS

### 2017 Pinot Noir Carneros, Napa Valley



#### Winemaking

Sourced from some of the best Pinot Noir vineyards in Carneros, including our own Stanly Ranch Estate, this wine exemplifies the powerful elegance of the region. A warm vintage ripened the fruit quickly, however, early overnight picks retained freshness and acidity. Classic Burgundian techniques in the cellar, including a five-day cold soak and native fermentations in open top stainless steel fermenters, respect the purity of the fruit and allow for a true expression of the vintage. This wine was bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

#### Vintage

Winemakers are optimistic about overall vintage quality, despite lower than average yields. The year began with abundant rainfall. Spring weather was mild, and the vines were vigorous thanks to the winter rains. Warm weather over Labor Day weekend kicked harvest into high gear, but cooler weather arrived immediately afterward allowing sugar levels to return to normal. Most late-ripening red grapes were picked over the next few weeks. We completed harvest on October 6th, just two days before the wine country wildfires started.

#### Tasting Notes

This highly pleasurable, hedonistic Pinot Noir explodes out of the glass—pure fruit, unrestrained from a warm vintage, yet fresh from early overnight harvesting. The palate is supple and generous, layered with black cherries, baking spices, and cola. Brambly and delicious, long and evolving. Drink over the next 10 years.

Appellation:	Carneros, Napa Valley
Blend:	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyards:	Stanly Ranch Estate, RMS Vineyard and Brown Ranch
Cooperage:	30% new French oak barrels for 11 months
Alc:	14.4%
PH:	3.82
TA:	5.5 g/L

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