

# MERRYVALE

## VINEYARDS

### 2020 Pinot Noir

#### Stanly Ranch Estate, Carneros



#### Winemaking

The fruit for this bottling of Pinot Noir came from our Stanly Ranch Estate Vineyard on the Napa side of Carneros. The fruit was hand harvested at night to retain freshness and acidity. The grapes were de-stemmed, with 30% of the stems by weight layered into the fermentation tanks with the grapes. After a 5 day cold soak in tank, the wines began native yeast fermentation. Hand punchdowns, minimal pumpovers, and 50% new French Burgundy barrels combine to create a wine that is deft on the palate, brimming with vibrancy, acidity, and complexity. The wine spent 20 months in French oak barrels before being bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

#### Vintage

The 2020 season will be remembered for factors beyond the normal measurements. It was a warm, dry winter and we didn't start to see rain and cold weather until end of March. A mild spring season gave us a great early start, and summer brought very cool mornings and very warm days. This build-up to harvest was interrupted by two wildfires as we turned to the fall. The red wine harvest will be smaller than usual, most wineries were able to move forward with red wine vinification.

#### Tasting Notes

The finest selection of Pinot Noir lots from our Estate on the historic Stanly Ranch, this wine takes its influence from Burgundy while respecting the unique Carneros terroir. Aromatically layered with evolving notes of cherries, black tea, and baking spices. On the palate the wine is lush and full but braced by a spine of minerality and acidity. Classic Carneros dark cherry fruit mingles seamlessly with tertiary flavors of underforest and wet stone – a complex but incredibly pleasurable Pinot. Enjoy alone or with a wide range of foods. Drink over the next 5 years.

Appellation:	Carneros (Napa)
Blend:	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyards:	Stanly Ranch Estate Vineyard
Cooperage:	50% new French oak barrels for 20 months
Alc:	13.9%
PH:	3.65
TA:	5.7 g/L

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