



SAINTSBURY

2011 CARNEROS PINOT NOIR



VINEYARDS

When sourcing Pinot Noir fruit, we seek those Carneros vineyards that offer diversity in both aspect and clonal selection. The result is a complex and vibrant Pinot Noir most reflective of the Carneros region.

Appellation: Carneros

Clones: 115, 777, 667, Swan and Pommard

Terroir: Carneros is known for its loam and clay soils; a mixture of flat land and rolling hillsides and has the reliable marine fog that rolls in at evening time and burns off in the mid-morning.

VINTAGE 2011

A cooler than average year, with the least amount of degree days since tracking them in the 1980s. The low temperatures and extended time on the vine made for graceful aromatics and vibrant acidity in all our wines. 2011 is considered “winemaker’s vintage” meaning nature offered up a challenge and thanks to many years of making Chardonnay and Pinot Noir we were able to create beautiful wines by executing on sound decisions in the vineyard and cellar.

WINEMAKING

After night harvesting, the Pinot Noir fruit arrives at Saintsbury within the hour of its pick. The clusters are sorted and into open top fermentation for gentle punch down. Aging: 10% new French oak barrels (François Frères and Taransaud) for 8 months.

Alcohol: 13.5%

TA: 5.7

pH: 3.69

Harvest: 9/20-9/27

Case Production: 6,699

TASTING NOTES

Our Carneros bottling delivers distinctive Pinot Noir character of black/sour cherry and spice in a vibrant and elegant wine.

Pairings: Roasted Chicken, Grilled Seafood and Roasted Seasonal Vegetables

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