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Vineyard Series

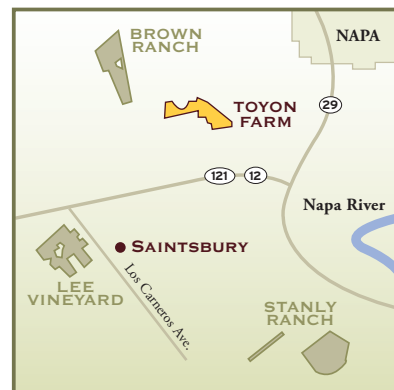
2009 Toyon Farm Carneros Pinot Noir

- Vineyard planted to: Dijon 115 and 777
- Blend in 2009: 48% Dijon 115, 52% Dijon 777
- 5 day cold soak, 13 day total cuvaison
- 10 months in French oak barrels (François Frères and Taransaud), 32% new, 54% one and two year old barrels
- 1,652 six bottle cases bottled in August of 2010

While Lee Vineyard and Stanly Ranch have significant places in the viticultural history of Carneros, Toyon Farm's history is that of a horse ranch, hence the "horse country" moniker "Farm". Built originally as a Morgan Horse ranch, the property was bought by Ed and Camille Penhoet in the middle '90s. Camille's passion is dressage so the once Morgan Horse estate has been transformed into a dressage training facility extraordinaire. Toyon Farm lies about 500 meters east of our Brown Ranch estate vineyard, separated from it by the famous Hyde Vineyard.

Toyon Farm was planted in 2000 and 2001, in the 'banana belt' of Carneros, so called because in this northeastern corner of the appellation, the weather turns warmer a little earlier in the day and little fingers of soils of volcanic origin intermix with the more typical marine sedimentary clay-loams. It is no wonder that, texturally speaking, Toyon Farm and Brown Ranch Pinots have more than a passing resemblance to each other in their fine-grained tannins and persistence and length on the palate.

The 2009 Saintsbury Toyon Farm Pinot Noir is hugely spicy in the nose displaying notes of cardamom, chai spice, forest floor and a touch of oak. A plush entry opens to mouth filling flavors of red fruits, plum, and hints of dried rose. This wine displays beautiful acidity, a broad full mouthfeel coupled with a lingering dark fruit finish.



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