



# SAINTSBURY

## 2010 LEE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR



### VINEYARD

Considered a quintessential Carneros AVA vineyard site, Lee Vineyard was planted in 1967 by Ira and Shirley Lee. Saintsbury's relationship with the Lee family formed in 1982 and that relationship was instrumental to the replanting of the vineyard that took place in 1990s and early 2000s with Dijon and Swan clones. Today we enjoy exclusive access to the grapes from this site that is located on Los Carneros Ave, just 50 meters from our crushpad.

Appellation: Carneros, Napa

Clones: Swan, Pommard and Dijon 115

*Terroir:* Haire clay loam soil; exposure to Petaluma wind gap and San Pablo Bay airstreams creating temperate growing conditions.

### VINTAGE 2010

The cool growing season produced slow ripening, low-yielding, high quality fruit. The vintage was aided by an Indian Summer resulting perfect density of fruit flavors coming in at Harvest.

Harvest Date: October 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010

### WINEMAKING

After night harvesting, the fruit from the Lee Vineyard has a short distance to travel—a quarter mile down the road to Saintsbury. From there, each block remains separate and receives gentle handling starting on the sorting table and to the open top fermenters for 5 day cold soak, 11 day total cuvaison. This is a site that requires cautious and gentle extraction regime for balanced tannins and bright acidity.

Aging: 10 months in 30% new French oak barrels (François Frères and Taransaud)

Alcohol: 14.5%

Case Production: 651

### TASTING NOTES

Aromas of briary fruits, spice box, tobacco and rose hips. On the palate, layers of black cherry and plum flavors supported by lively acidity and fine tannins. Drink now through 2020.

Pairings: Game, Duck, Lamb and Rich Stews.

### REVIEWS

91pts, Connoisseurs' Guide, 6/2013      90pts, Wine Spectator, 9/2012      90pts, Wine Enthusiast, 6/2013

"A Napa Wine Producer We Love," Food & Wine Magazine, 1/2013

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