



# SAINTSBURY

## 2012 BROWN RANCH PINOT NOIR CARNEROS, NAPA



### VINEYARD

Saintsbury purchased Brown Ranch in 1990. Originally a hayfield and Percheron horse farm, we planted 22 acres to Dijon and Pommard Pinot Noir clones. Our first harvest was in 1995. The estate is located amid the rolling hills in the “banana belt” of Carneros and is certified Napa Green.

Appellation: Carneros, Napa

Clones: 100% Pommard

*Terroir:* A mix of loam and clay soil, with hillside locations ideal for drainage. Warm days and cool evenings provide optimal growing conditions.

### VINTAGE 2012

An ideal season—no frost, a mild spring and a tranquil fall resulting in exceptional fruit quality.

Harvest Dates: September 20<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

### WINEMAKING

After night harvesting, the fruit from Brown Ranch travels just a few miles down Old Sonoma Road to Saintsbury. From there, each block remains separate and receives gentle handling from the sorting table to small open top fermenters for 5 day cold soak, 21 day total cuvaison.

Aging: 11 months in 33% new French oak barrels

Alcohol: 14%

Case Production: 371

SRP: \$72

### TASTING NOTES

Gorgeous plum, black cherry cola and saffras on the nose with sweet briar, plum, potpourri, cigar box, and anise flavors. Mouthwatering charcuterie spice on the finish.

Pairing Suggestions: Game meats and rich stews.

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