



SAINTSBURY

2018 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: Swan, Pommard, Dijon 115, 667 and 777

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

VINTAGE 2018

A cold off-season with plentiful rainfall led into a warmer spring. Slightly delayed bud break led to a mild, slow-ripening summer with no major heat spikes, providing near-ideal ripening conditions through to harvest.

Harvest: With little pressure due to weather, we were able to spread our harvest over a 30 day period

WINEMAKING

After night harvesting, the Pinot Noir fruit arrives at Saintsbury within the hour of its pick. The clusters are sorted and into small open-top fermentation for gentle punch down.

Aging: 8 months in 15% new French Oak barrels

Alcohol: 13.5%

Production: 3,591 cases

Retail: \$42

TASTING NOTES

Pretty but concentrated aromas of rose petal, dark cherries, cocoa, anise and cardamom. Sweet cherry and plum entry with a zesty mid palate reminiscent of baking spices, leading into an elegant, lingering finish.

Suggested Pairings: The richness of this wine pairs well with meats such as lamb, duck, and stewed curries, as well as artisanal cheeses and wild mushrooms.

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