

BOUCHAINE

NAPA VALLEY • CARNEROS

2012 ESTATE PINOT MEUNIER TECH SHEET



APPELLATION: Napa Valley Carneros
VINEYARD NAME: Estate - Blocks 9 & 10
MATURATION: 40% new French oak barrels.
Complete malolactic fermentation.
AGING: 11 months
ALCOHOL: 13.5%
HARVEST DATE: September 12, 2012
PH: 3.53
TA: 5.9 g/L
RS: <0.5 G/L
PRODUCTION: 879(750 mL)
BOTTLING DATE: August 9, 2013
SRP: \$40

THE STORY OF THIS WINE

Blocks 9 and 10 sit on two sides of a swale in the heart of the Estate. It's a cold location and they're always the most frost-susceptible blocks on the entire property. They almost always ripen a few days behind the surrounding blocks (7 and 8 to the West and 11 to the East). 2012 was an abundant but big-berried vintage. The big berries lead naturally to a lower combination of skins to juice and give this wine a juicy freshness to the fruit character and somewhat more moderate color and weight. Pinot Meunier's typical sweet red fruit and baking spice character are particularly lithe in the 2012.

ABOUT THE VINEYARDS

Bouchaine's 100-acre estate vineyard lies on the southern border of Napa Valley's Carneros district, overlooking the Napa-Sonoma Marsh State Wildlife Area with San Francisco and the bay in the distance. Fog, wind, and the cold nighttime temperatures of this unique geographical area lend distinctive regional identity to Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier.