

# BOUCHAINE

NAPA VALLEY • CARNEROS

## 2013 GEE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR



**APPELLATION:** Napa Valley - Carneros  
**VINEYARD:** Gee Vineyard  
**MATURATION:** 40% new French oak  
**HARVEST DATE:** September 16-24, 2013  
**AGING:** 11 months  
**ALCOHOL:** 14.1 %  
**PH:** 3.48  
**TA:** 6.45 g/L  
**RS:** <0.5 g/L  
**SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE:** \$60  
**BOTTLING DATE:** August 7, 2014  
**PRODUCTION:** 391 cases (750 mL)

### 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 night time temperatures of this unique geographical area lend distinctive regional identity to Pinot Noir.

### GROWING SEASON

Vintage 2013 started with a warm spring, then the vines quickly went through bud break, bloom and set. Beautiful weather brought a bountiful crop. Luckily we were blessed with a long, perfect growing season, allowing for mature ripening and lush, layered flavors.

### VINIFICATION

The Gee Vineyard is a small 16-acre property across the road from Bouchaine where the rare practice of dry farming has been in use for many years. These headtrained, heritage vines produce small yields of grapes with concentrated flavors.

We age the wine in French oak barrels for 11 months, which enhances the already complex flavors. Less than 400 cases of this wine are produced and only in those vintages where the wine is exceptional will it be released as its own bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

The blend is 100% St. Clair selection from the original vineyard planted by Jim St. Clair in 1968. The Gee vineyard is now over 30 years old and is completely dry farmed, sending roots deep into the soil and concentrating flavors.

An intoxicating nose of Morello cherry, tea roses, and five spice. The palate explodes with succulent cherry and blueberry flavors with rich mocha notes on the finish.