

BOUCHAINE

NAPA VALLEY • CARNEROS

2013 SWAN VINEYARD PINOT NOIR



APPELLATION: Napa Valley - Carneros

VINEYARD: Estate Blocks 3 and 25

MATURATION: 40% new French

HARVEST DATE: 9/12/13 - 9/16/13

AGING: 11 months

ALCOHOL: 14.1

PH: 3.67

TA: 5.57 g/L

RS: <0.1 g/L

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE: \$40

BOTTLING DATE: 8/6/2014

PRODUCTION: 392 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 nighttime temperatures of this unique geographical area lend distinctive regional identity to Chardonnay.

VINIFICATION

Post fermentation, the free run wine is drawn off to barrel where it completes malolactic fermentation and integrates with the oak flavors from mostly French barrels. One midseason racking is performed to assemble the blend. The wine is then returned to barrel to allow the blend to marry before the August bottling.

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.

TASTING NOTES

The origin of the Swan clone is clouded in mystery; some think it came from the Romanee-Conti vineyards. It was brought to the United States by Joseph Swan and originally planted in the Russian River Valley. This wine is a blend of heritage and Swan selection blocks off of our estate, and the fruit favors perfume, purity, and charm rather than powerful structure.

A lovely nose of high tone raspberry, bright cherry and floral notes. The palate displays vivid plum and cherry flavors with notes of pomegranate, cinnamon, and nutmeg.