

BOUCHAINE

NAPA VALLEY • CARNEROS

2013 ESTATE PINOT MEUNIER TECH SHEET



APPELLATION: Napa Valley Carneros

VINEYARD NAME: Estate - Blocks 9 & 10

MATURATION: 25% new French oak barrels

Complete malolactic fermentation.

AGING: 10 months

ALCOHOL: 14.1%

HARVEST DATE: September 9, 2013

PH: 3.60

TA: 5.64 g/L

RS: <0.5 G/L

PRODUCTION: 643 cases (750 mL)

BOTTLING DATE: August 6, 2014

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. 2013 was an abundant and big-berried vintage. The big berries lead naturally to a lower reation of skins to juice and give this wine a juicy freshness to the fruit character. Pinot Meunier's typical sweet red fruit and baking spice character are particularly lithe in the 2013.

TASTING NOTES

The savory nose opens with briar, dark chocolate, espresso and cigar tobacco. Flavors of dark cherry combine with french roast and baking spices with firm structure for cellaring.

ABOUT THE VINEYARDS

Bouchaine's 100-acre estate vineyard lies on the southern border of Napa Valley's Carneros district, overlooking the bay with San Francisco 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.