



BOUCHAINE

CARNEROS PREMIUM WINES ♦ NAPA VALLEY

2015

POMMARD ESTATE PINOT NOIR

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

GROWING SEASON ♦ 2015 delivered a tiny but exceptional harvest. It was one of the earliest harvests on record, starting with an incredibly early bud break and slowly progressing through bloom. The two hailstorms during bloom naturally reduced our crop level leaving concentrated, tiny clusters. Gorgeous weather allowed for perfect ripening and flavor development for the rest of the season.

VINIFICATION ♦ All fruit is hand harvested at night, preserving berry integrity. After a 5-7 day cold soak, fruit is fermented with native yeast in both open and closed top tanks. The wine is then drawn off and the must placed into a basket press for gentle pressing. All wines complete malolactic fermentation in French oak barrels. The Pommard vineyard blocks are kept separate for evaluation and the best blocks are racked together in late Spring to assemble the finest expression of Carneros. The wine is returned to barrel to allow the blend to marry before the August bottling.

TASTING NOTES ♦ An ethereal nose of high toned briar, dense red fruits, cinnamon and five spice. The lush plummy entry leads to explosive blue fruits on the palate with lingering layers of mocha and cigar tobacco. This is a dense and concentrated wine balanced with beautiful fruit purity.

APPELLATION Napa Valley, Carneros **VINEYARD** Estate

MATURATION 30% new French Oak

HARVEST DATE 9/24/2015 **BOTTLING DATE** 7/28/2016

AGING 11 months **ALCOHOL** 14.8% **PH** 3.63 **TA** 6.2 g/L **RS** 0 g/L

PRODUCTION 392 cases (750 mL) **SUGGESTED RETAIL** \$50

Dedicated to creating exceptional **ESTATE PINOT NOIR and CHARDONNAY**

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