

BOUCHAINE

NAPA VALLEY • CARNEROS

2012 CARNEROS PINOT NOIR



APPELLATION: Napa Valley - Carneros
VINEYARD: Estate, Casa Carneros, Gee Vineyards, Mahoney Vineyards
MATURATION: Barrel aged in French & Hungarian oak (25% new); completed malolactic fermentation
HARVEST DATE: 9/7 - 9/24/2012
AGING: 11 months
ALCOHOL 13.8%
PH: 3.56
TA: 5.38 g/L
RS: 0 g/L
SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE: \$35
BOTTLING DATE: 7/31 - 8/8/2013
PRODUCTION: 9338 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 Pinot Noir.

VINIFICATION

Over 40 vineyard blocks are fermented separately. 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. The juiciest barrels go through a midseason racking, performed to assemble the best expression of Carneros. The wine is then returned to barrel to allow the blend to marry before the August bottling.

GROWING SEASON

2012 was an ideal season - no frosts, with a mild spring and summer leading into a tranquil fall. This beautiful weather resulted in superior quality fruit, with perfect depth and vibrancy.

TASTING NOTES

A seductive Pinot Noir with a silky, lingering finish. It opens with an intoxicating nose of dark cherry, wild strawberry, cola, fresh roses, and cigar tobacco. A sweet, vibrant cherry palate opens to layers of dark fruits, brown spice, and cinnamon with lovely floral notes on the finish.