

2006 Bouchaine Estate Pinot Noir, Napa Valley~ Carneros



"...opening nicely with swirling...rich and sturdy wine with a tasty core of dark red cherries and berries with currants, tobacco and smoky oak that linger on...will pair well now with hardy meats. Still fine the next day from opened and re-corked bottle; will age five to seven more years without difficulty."



"Fruit-forward aromas and flavors of black currant and cherry; medium bodied with a little spiciness on the palate."

—Santé, March/April 2009 Selections for Recommendation



"The aromas reveal a *classic Carneros Pinot Noir* showing scents of ripe cherry with hints of dark chocolate, earth, and oak. The palate confirms the nose: *supple, fresh and ideally balanced* with a judicious dose of crisp acid and a dash of black pepper. *A beautiful wine.*"

—BevX.com Wine Reviews, October 2008

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Wine of the Week "So there I am at the Friday barrel auction [at 2008 Auction Napa Valley]...when it dawns on me that it was Oprah! She's throwing bids around for the Bouchaine barrel, so I think, 'What hidden secrets does Oprah know about Bouchaine?' I promptly bought a bottle of Bouchaine's pinot noir, and, well, what can I say, Oprah's got good taste. A smoky, richly spiced pinot that packs in a lot of notions: crème brulee, coffee, plums, cherries, a little cranberry, caramel, all wrapped up in a round, lusty texture. Quite the crowd pleaser and priced right."

—Stefan Blicher, St. Helena Star, June 12, 2008



4 Stars "a *fleshy, finely flavored Pinot Noir, with full body, crisp acidity, and complex character* (rose petal, clove, dark plum, blueberry, cedar, and tobacco); *long, long finish. Best ever Pinot from Bouchaine.*"

—Restaurant Wine, Issues 119 & 120



89 Points "a *very elegant, balanced Pinot* that shows classic *Carneros character*. It's a *vibrant, likeable wine, silky and dry, with pleasurable flavors* of cherries, cola, herbs and spices. The *finish is especially rewarding, lasting through a long, spicy aftertaste.*"

—Wine Enthusiast, December 2007



88 Points "starts with concentrated black cherry filled out by noticeable richness, seasoned with clear hints of dried brush...an *invitingly round entry*, and there is a suggestion of *velvet in the texture*...service with savory dishes."

—Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, June 2007