

WATERSTONE

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2013 PINOT NOIR CARNEROS

Vintage

A warm, dry spring brought early bud break in 2013; we experienced ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set. With the exception of one heat spike in late June/early July, temperatures were consistently in the zone for optimal vine activity. Early ripening varieties came off the vines by early September, with perfect ripeness and ideal hang time. Two brief mid-September rains had virtually no impact, as sunny weather dried the grapes almost immediately. Cool, sunny weather throughout October allowed great flavor development. Overall, the 2013 harvest was early, even and excellent.

Vineyard

The Pinot Noir grapes for this wine were grown in the Carneros region, where soils are dense, shallow, of low to moderate fertility, and high in clay content. While the soils lead to low yields, the region's maritime climate allows a longer growing season; the end result is balanced color, flavor and acidity in the harvested grapes. This Pinot Noir is produced from two vineyards: the Champlin Creek Vineyard in western Carneros and the Truchard Vineyard in northeastern Carneros. These vineyards are under long-term contracts, providing consistency from vintage to vintage.

Vinification

The grapes for this Pinot Noir were hand picked. After destemming, the grapes were whole-berry fermented in open-top fermenters, which were punched down manually to provide maximum flavor and minimum harsh tannins. Following fermentation, the wine was transferred to small French oak barrels for fourteen months. The barrels were 35% new and 65% used (2nd and 3rd year.) Prior to bottling, the wine received minimal filtration and fining to preserve the fresh berry flavors.

Tasting Notes

Dark plums, cherry, cola and leather are present in this wine's aroma. The soft vanilla tones from the oak blend perfectly with the intense fruit core and soft tannins, providing complexity and balance and leading to a lingering finish.



Technical Data:

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| Varietal Composition | 100% Pinot Noir |
| Appellation | Carneros |
| Alcohol | 14.7% |
| TA | 0.53 g/100ml |
| pH | 3.71 |
| Oak Aging | 14 months |
| Oak Cooperage | French oak, 35% new |
| Bottling Date | April 15, 2015 |
| Production | 603 cases |