

## Carneros Pinot Noir

2016 Napa Valley



## TASTING NOTES

The 2016 Carneros Pinot Noir appears ruby in the glass and opens with aromas of cinnamon stick, cardamom, and fresh raspberries. The palate offers a soft, balanced, structure framed by elegant tannins with flavors of cherry pie, violets, and baking spices followed by a long, decadent finish.

## VINEYARDS

The foundation for the 2016 Carneros Pinot Noir is Frank Family's Lewis Vineyard, located in the heart of Napa-Carneros, near the shores of the San Pablo Bay. It is made up of 78 acres planted on gently rolling hills, with 68 acres planted to Chardonnay and 10 acres planted to Pinot Noir. The predominant maritime influence of the Pacific Ocean creates the cool temperature, fog and wind that make Carneros ideally suited for growing cool climate varietals. The Lewis Vineyard consists primarily of shallow and dense clay loam soils, receiving only 20 inches of rainfall annually. The restricting soils result in extremely low yields, producing grapes with strong character and balanced acidity.

## COOPERAGE

10 months in 33% new French oak barrels, 67% once and twice-filled French oak barrels.

| VINTAGE              | 2016                           |
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| VARIETAL COMPOSITION | 100% Pinot Noir                |
| APPELLATION          | 100% Carneros                  |
| HARVEST DATE         | September 6-September 24, 2016 |
| ACID                 | 0.59 g/100 ml                  |
| рН                   | 3.66 pH                        |
| ALCOHOL              | 14.5%                          |
| CASES                | 5000 cases                     |
| PROPRIETORS          | Rich & Leslie Frank            |
| WINEMAKER            | Todd Graff                     |

