

Frank Family Vineyards

2015 Carneros Pinot Noir

Harvest Dates:

August 22nd to September 9th, 2015

Blend Composition:

100% Pinot Noir
66% Carneros-Sonoma
34% Carneros-Napa

Appellation:

100% Carneros

The foundation for the 2015 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

Tasting Notes:

The wine has a beautiful ruby color. Generous aromas of ripe black cherries and plums emerge from the glass. On the palate, the wine is extremely well integrated, bright and balanced with flavors of red licorice, sweet clove, earth and cherries.

Technical Data:

14.5% ABV
3.68 pH
0.56 g/100mL TA

5,000 cases bottled August 2016

SRP: \$35

Winemaker: Todd Graff