

TRUCHARD VINEYARDS



1999 Pinot Noir

- Vintage:** 1999 was a cool, late vintage that produced top quality fruit. Cold springtime conditions delayed flowering, but did not significantly affect yields. Continued cool weather throughout the summer months allowed for slow, even ripening and excellent flavor development. The resulting wines have intense aromas, rich flavors, and impressive structure.
- Vineyard:** Seven separate clonal selections of Pinot Noir grow on the Truchard Estate Vineyard. Two "Martini" clones, the "Pommard" clone, the "Swan" clone; and several new selections from France - Dijon 115, 667, 777. Each selection provides a unique element of aromatic fruit, spice, and texture to the blend. The vines range from 3 - 15 years in age. They are planted in several select sites that take full advantage of the thin soils, rolling hills, and cooler temperatures - factors which combine to make the Carneros region ideal for producing Pinot Noir.
- Harvest:** September 27 - October 1 • 24.5 °Brix • 3.48 pH • 7.1 g/l TA
- Winemaking:** All of the fruit was gently destemmed and crushed into open top fermenters with approximately 20% whole berries. Each lot was inoculated with Assmannhausen yeast, after "cold soaking" for up to 5 days. Fermentations were punched down three times daily, with the temperature peaking at 92° F. After 7 - 12 days of maceration, the lots were pressed, settled in tanks for 24 hours, then put to barrel. This wine was aged for 10 months in French oak (33% new), and bottled in August of 2000. It is ready for immediate drinking, but has the structure to age and improve over the next 7 - 10 years.
- Wine Analysis:** 14.1 % alcohol • 3.64 pH • 6.0 g/l TA
- Tasting Notes:** Rich, smoky aromas of plum and wild strawberry, accented with notes of orange blossom, green tea, and sweet tobacco. The mouth is broad and silky: layered with flavors of plum jam, cranberry, sweet vanilla, and toasted oak. Firm acidity and delicate tannins enhance the palate and provide a long spicy finish.
- Release date:** June 1, 2001
- Cases Produced:** 2016 cases (750ml bottles)/249 cases (375ml bottles)
- Bottle Price:** \$32.00

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