

# 2003 Pinot Noir

- Vintage:** The 2003 vintage was an exceptional harvest. Unusually high springtime temperatures affected berry set; on average yields were down 20%. Normal summer temperatures allowed the small crop to ripen and easily reach full maturity. The wines from this vintage are extremely intense, with powerful aromas, rich flavors, and firm acidity.
- 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 7 - 29 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 6 - 25 • 24.7 °Brix • 3.40 pH • 6.8 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, and then put to barrel. This wine was aged for 10 months in French oak (35% new), and bottled in August of 2004. It is ready for immediate drinking, but will reward careful cellaring for the next 7 - 10 years.
- Wine Analysis:** 14.1% alcohol • 3.55 pH • 6.2 g/l TA
- Tasting Notes:** Smoky aromas of wild strawberry and ripe plum; combined with subtle notes of citrus blossom, earth, and sweet vanilla. The mouth is broad and silky - layered with bright flavors of cranberry, rhubarb, cherry, and toasted oak. Balanced acidity and delicate tannins focus the palate and provide a lingering finish of fruit and spice.
- Release Date:** August 1, 2006  
**Cases Produced:** 2178 cases  
**Bottle Price:** \$28.00