



Truchard Vineyards

2005 Pinot Noir

- Vintage:** Near perfect conditions throughout the spring of 2005 resulted in excellent berry set and a very large crop. Mild summer temperatures gradually ripened the fruit, allowing for extremely long “hang time”. The 2005 vintage produced elegant wines, with intense aromas, rich flavors, and beautiful 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 9 - 31 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:** Sept. 2 – 29 • 24.4 °Brix • 3.40 pH • 7.2 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 2006. It is ready for immediate drinking, but will reward careful cellaring for the next 7 - 10 years.
- Wine Analysis:** 14.1% alcohol • 3.61 pH • 6.3 g/l TA
- Tasting Notes:** Rich aromas of wild strawberry, rhubarb, and ripe plum; combined with subtle notes of tea and sweet vanilla. The mouth is silky - layered with flavors of black cherry, cassis, and toasted oak. Firm acidity and delicate tannins focus the palate and provide a lingering finish of spice and red fruit.
- Release Date:** September 1, 2007
Cases Produced: 3169 cases
Bottle Price: \$35.00

