



# Truchard Vineyards

## 2008 Pinot Noir

**Vintage:** 2008 was a challenging vintage that produced wonderful wines. Freezing temperatures in early spring reduced yields by nearly 30%. Moderate temperatures throughout summer and fall easily brought the lighter crop to full maturity. The wines of 2008 have beautiful aromas, intense flavors, and great 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 12 - 34 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:** Aug. 29 – Sept. 5 • 24.4 °Brix • 3.37 pH • 7.3 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 2008. It is ready for immediate drinking, but will reward careful cellaring for the next 7 - 10 years.

**Wine Analysis:** 14.1% alcohol • 3.62 pH • 6.2 g/l TA

**Tasting Notes:** A beautiful nose of wild strawberry, plum and cranberry; highlighted with subtle notes of citrus blossom, tea, and earth. The mouth is silky, with flavors of black cherry, pomegranate, and sweet vanilla. Bright acidity and delicate tannins focus the palate and provide a lingering finish of spice and red fruit.

**Release Date:** February 1, 2011

**Cases Produced:** 2532 cases

