



TRUCHARD

2012 PINOT NOIR



Vintage: After a string of unpredictable harvests, 2012 turned out to be a near perfect vintage. Ideal springtime conditions resulted in excellent berry set and a large crop. Moderate temperatures throughout the growing season slowly brought the fruit to full maturity. The wines of 2012 are elegant, with rich aromas and flavors. They possess bright acidity, beautiful structure, and the intensity needed to gracefully age.

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 16 - 38 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 4 – 19 • 24.4 °Brix • 3.41 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 2013. It is ready for immediate drinking, but will evolve over the next 10-15 years.

Wine Analysis: 14.1% alcohol • 3.57 pH • 6.2 g/l TA

Tasting Notes: A complex nose of plum, rhubarb, and wild strawberry; with hints of citrus blossom, tea, and earth. The mouth is silky; with bright flavors of cherry jam, cranberry, and sweet vanilla. Firm acidity and delicate tannins focus the palate and provide a lingering finish of spice and red fruit.

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Cases Produced: 4088 cases

Bottle Price: \$35.00



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