

# Truchard Vineyards Pinot Noir

## 2005 Vintage

**EXCELLENT** – Those whose palates dote on the red wines of Burgundy rightly gripe that pinot noir wines from California (and sometimes Oregon) can be too deep and dark, too extracted, too ripe and spicy and brown- sugary, too high in alcohol, and, to boot, flabby from lack of acid. Notice that I say “can be,” because not all of California’s pinot noirs are velvety-flocked blockbusters, one example being this elegant, ethereal yet earthy Pinot Noir 2005 from Truchard. – *Koepell on Wine*

## 2004 Vintage

★★★★ 1/2 - Full bodied and ripely flavored (plum, strawberry, raspberry), this is a supple Pinot Noir, with moderate richness, smooth texture, and a medium long finish. - Ronn Weigand MS, MW, *Restaurant Wine*

## 2003 Vintage

**90 Points** -This wine's smooth cherry flavors balance the smoke of new oak with the rooty spice of the earth. It rides high across the palate, with a sarsaparilla-like edge to the otherwise soft texture. Serve with beef bourguignon. – *Wine & Spirits*

## 2002 Vintage

**93 Points** - Bright and fresh from beginning to end, this elegant Carneros pinot balances its full, luscious texture with pointed acidity. The flavor that lasts is red, more vinous than directly fruity. Serve it with roasted John Dory, or with the roasted cobia with sea urchin at Rubicon in San Francisco. – *Wine & Spirits*

## 2000 Vintage

**92 Points** – Medium ruby purple color; slightly spicy, smoky notes, cherry and berry aromas; silky on the palate with sweet flavors of cherry, strawberry, spice and smoky oak; nicely balanced and a lingering finish. This is a beautiful example of how silky and refined Carneros Pinot can be. The Truchards have been working their vineyards for a long time and it shows. - *Pinot Report*

## 1999 Vintage

**91 Points** – Medium ruby color; fresh, fruity nose with subtle spicy, strawberry, star anise notes; fruity, tart, full red fruit flavors’ pleasant and balanced’ an elegant and more balanced style. The Truchard Pinot is made from estate vineyards that are a mix of several old and new clonal selections with vines ranging in age from 3-15 years. - *Pinot Report*

**90 Points** - Smooth, rich and creamy, with lots of complex flavors. Shows-off wild berry, coffee, vanilla, anise, plum and rhubarb flavors that fan out nicely, finishing with mild tannins. Drink now through 2006. 2,016 cases made. –JL  
– *Wine Spectator*

**90 Points** - Bright, briary black cherry, raspberry, earth and herb flavors give this medium bodied wine a refreshing, yet complex, expression of fine Carneros Pinot Noir. Plush, yet clean on the finish. J.M. (5/1/2002) *Wine Enthusiast*

## 1998 Vintage

91 Points – *Wine & Spirits*

## 1995 Vintage

**Top 100 - 91 Points** - Brimming with juicy plum, strawberry and black cherry flavors, with decidedly earthy and herbal notes, and finishing with firm, tealike tannins. Hold a year to soften; try in 1998. 1,416 cases made.. - *Wine Spectator*

## 1989 Vintage

**First Release 90 Points** - This wine offers a rich array of ripe cherry, plum and currant flavor with hints of anise and spicy oak. Beautifully integrated, with a supple texture and just the right amount of tannin. Drink now. – *Wine Spectator*

