

TRUCHARD VINEYARDS

Rave Reviews for Truchard Pinot Noirs

Truchard Pinot Noir...top ten list, of Napa (Carneros) Pinot Noirs...*The Wine Enthusiast*

1989

A smashing debut from Truchard. Its 1989 offers richness, suppleness and length rare in Burgundy. Offers a rich array of ripe cherry, plum and currant flavors and hints of anise and spicy oak. Beautifully integrated, with a supple texture and just the right amount of tannin. The finish lingers on and on. Ready now, but capable of improving through 1994. 90 pts. - *Wine Spectator* 10/31/91

Medium-light to medium ruby; attractive, slightly spicy, well defined cherry fruit aroma with a note of cedar; medium to medium-full body; fairly rich in the mouth with ripe, supple flavors which have good depth and intensity; lingering aftertaste. Above average quality. Impressive first release from this new winery. **Highly Recommended.** *California Grapevine.* 6/92

While abundant oak in the nose, flavor and finish of this bottling is hard to ignore, it is joined by plenty of ripe, well formed, cherry-like fruit at most every point. Surprisingly generous given the difficult nature of the vintage, the wine is still on the rough and ragged side with a bit of tannin and acidy harshness pointing up the need for a few years of age. Try it again in three or four years. **One Puff. Connoisseurs' Guide**

1990

Firm and fragrant, with a pleasant loganberry edge to the aromas and flavors and hints of cola and oak on the finish. Has style and personality and is drinkable now, although the tannins could use until 1994 or '94 to settle down. 86 pts. - *Wine Spectator* 10/31/91

Medium dark ruby; attractive, complex, black cherry aroma; rich, slightly textured flavors with a soft, supple palate impression; well balanced; medium tannin; lingering aftertaste. Above-average quality. Very enjoyable now and should continue to develop with another year or two of bottle aging. *California Grapevine.* 8/93

Sweet oak leaps to the fore in the initial aromas here, yet with a bit of air, the nose unfolds to reveal ripe-cherry fruitiness. Ample fruit is confirmed in the mouth, as the wine marries cherry-like qualities and rich oak in its lively flavors. Very well-balanced and long on the palate, the wine argues for keeping and promises to improve. **One Puff. Connoisseurs' Guide.**

1991

Shy young fruit sits quietly beneath oaky themes in the aromas, and the contribution of oak is plainly evident in the wine's slightly juicy, softly spicy flavors as well. Medium-bodied and fairly smooth on the palate, the wine steers well wide of the ripe-and-brawny style of winemaking and succeeds, instead, as an open and tasty mate for the likes of veal chops or tenderloin of pork. **One Puff - Connoisseurs' Guide**

Light -medium weight and aromatic in style...It has raspberry-and-rose petal character and noticeable new oak. **Recommended. **** Restaurant Wine.**

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1991 (cont)

Aromas of cherries, berries, rhubarb, anise, spice/pepper and light oak. Rocused, ripe, creamy cherry/rhubarb fruit framed by anise, pepper and spice gives way to a soft, lightly oaked round tannin finish. **Highly Recommended. Wines International.**

Medium ruby; pleasant, herbal, delicate, berry fruit aroma with light, spicy overtones; medium body; fresh, herbal berry fruit flavors; medium-light tannin; slightly lingering aftertaste. Above average quality. Should continue to develop with another year or two of aging. **Recommended. California Grapevine. 2/93**

1992

Medium ruby; attractive, smoky, toasty, cherry fruit aroma; medium-full body; slightly rich, moderately concentrated, woody, herbal, earthy, moderately concentrated, cherry fruit flavors; medium to medium-full tannin; somewhat rough and slightly tart on the finish; lingering aftertaste. Above average quality. Should continue to develop with another year or two of bottle aging. **Highly Recommended. California Grapevine. 12/94**

Meaty, oaky, leathery tobacco-like smells gradually assume prominence over lesser notes of cherries in the slow-to-open aromas. In the mouth, a similar mix of herbs and oak directs the flavors away from overt fruitiness...this wine would be best consumed alongside richly sauced meats. **Connoisseurs' Guide. 11/94**

The 1992 was among the best I have tasted in a \$20 price range. It has nice layers of blackberry, plum, red licorice, coffee and cinnamon. **Frank Sutherland.**

1993

Very burgundian aromas of smoky cherry, truffles and spice. The fruit is very dark and dense with terrific color and tannin extraction. **Highly Recommended. The Wine Authority.**

A wonderful 1993 Pinot Noir, with fleshy texture, full body and elegant plum, raspberry, rose-like flavors, with vanilla and oak overtones. Long, smooth finish. Excellent. 20% whole berries, aged 10 months in French Oak barrels (33% new). **4+ Stars. Restaurant Wine.**

Elegant, well focused cherry, plum and berry notes acquire a light oaky edge on aftertaste. Medium in body, smooth-textured and polished, leading to a subtle finish. **88 pts. The Wine Spectator.**

1994

Truchard Pinot Noir Carneros 1994 (Barrel Sample) May well be this winery's finest yet. Dark color, ripe and rich character, with a focused core of plum, cherry and wild berry flavors. Rewards you with a lingering aftertaste. **90 - 94 pts. Outstanding. The Wine Spectator. (Barrel Sample)**

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