



TRUCHARD VINEYARDS

2018 PINOT NOIR



Vintage: The 2018 vintage will be remembered as nearly perfect. A cold winter with average rainfall made for a late bud-break. Ideal spring weather allowed for a heavy set. Mild conditions throughout summer and fall allowed the crop to slowly ripen and develop maximum flavor. The wines of 2018 are powerful but elegant with firm acidity and beautiful balance. This could be the vintage of the decade!

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 114, 115, 667, 777. Each selection provides a unique element of aromatic fruit, spice, and texture to the blend. The vines range from 22 - 44 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. 7 – Oct. 5 • 24.4 °Brix • 3.46 pH • 7.1 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 into barrel. This wine was aged for 10 months in French oak (35% new), and bottled in August of 2019. It is ready for immediate drinking, but will gracefully age for the next 12 - 15 years

Wine Analysis: 14.1% alcohol • 3.62 pH • 6.1 g/l TA

Tasting Notes: Elegant aromas of black cherry, pomegranate, and ripe plum with hints of rhubarb, tea, and earth. The mouth is silky with flavors of cranberry, red currants, 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: 2576 cases

