



TRUCHARD VINEYARDS

2020 PINOT NOIR



Vintage: In 2020, bud break was normal, but a cold, dry winter combined with unsettled spring weather affected berry set and led to below average yields. Moderate to warm conditions throughout summer allowed the light crop to easily ripen. The wines of 2020 are big, bold, and full of flavor.

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 24 - 45 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. 23 – Sept. 12 • 24.3 °Brix • 3.52 pH • 6.9 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 2021. It is ready for immediate drinking, but will gracefully age for the next 12 - 15 years.

Wine Analysis: 14.1% alcohol • 3.64 pH • 6.1 g/l TA

Tasting Notes: Rich aromas of black cherry, ripe plum, and rhubarb with hints of pomegranate, tea, and earth. The mouth is silky with flavors of red currants, cranberry, and sweet vanilla. Firm acidity and delicate tannins focus the palate and provide a lingering finish of spice and red fruit.

Release Date: January 1, 2022

Cases Produced: 2755 cases

