# BOUCHAINE

NAPA VALLEY + CARNEROS

# 2020 Dijon Clone, Estate Pinot Noir

## Vineyard

Bouchaine's 100-acre estate vineyard lies on the southern border of Napa Valley's Carneros district, overlooking the San Francisco bay with the financial district in the distance. Fog, wind, and the cold nightime temperatures of this unique geographical area lend a distinctive regional identity to our Pinot Noir.

### **Growing Season**

The 2020 growing season will certainly be remembered for years to come. As everyone huddled safely indoors to avoid the pandemic, our grapevines began their growing season by enjoying a dry, warm winter. The beautiful weather continued through spring and summer, with excellent ripening conditions allowing for an early harvest.

#### Vinification

All fruit is hand-harvested at night, preserving berry integrity. After a 7-day cold soak, fruit is fermented with native yeast in open top tanks. The wine is then drawn off and the must is placed into a basket press for gentle pressing. All wines complete malolactic fermentation in French oak barrels. The vineyard blocks are kept separate for evaluation with the most intriguing blocks racked together in late Spring to assemble the finest expression of the Dijon clones from our estate. The blend is returned to barrel to allow the wine to marry before bottling.

#### **Tasting Notes**

You may have met my sister (the Pommard clone) by now. What can I say; she's flashy, juicy and lush. I know what they say about me, "She's more reserved and mercurial, blah, blah, blah." But give me time and once I unwind ... watch out. Layers of dense dark fruit entwined with more spice than I know what to do with. Like I said, give me time ... but don't miss your chance.

**Appellation**Napa Valley, Carneros

Harvest Date
August 25, 2020

**PH** 3.67

DIJON CLONE · PINOT NOIR

Alcohol 14.4% **Vineyard** Estate

Bottling Date July 15, 2021

5.5 g/L

Production 300 cases (750ml) Aging 10 months

Maturation

29% new French oak

**RS** 0 g/L