BOUCHAINE

NAPA VALLEY + CARNEROS



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 night time 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 Pommard clones from our estate. The blend is returned to barrel to allow the wine to marry before bottling.

Tasting Notes

14.5%

POMMARD CLONE . PINOT NOIR

I hear my sister (Dijon Clone) is already telling lies. Yes, it's true. I'm juicy. I'm succulent. Heck, I'm even bigger and bolder than some of my Cabernet friends here in Napa. But does that make me a villain? Dijon Clone is just a spicy diva, jealous of the flirtatious relationship I've already created with wine drinkers. Yes, you and I both know who you're leaving with.

Appellation Vineyard Aging Napa Valley, Carneros 10 months Estate **Harvest Dates Bottling Date** Maturation August 25, 2020 July 16, 2021 27% new French oak РΗ RS TA 3.65 5.6 g/L 0 g/LAlcohol Production

300 cases (750ml)