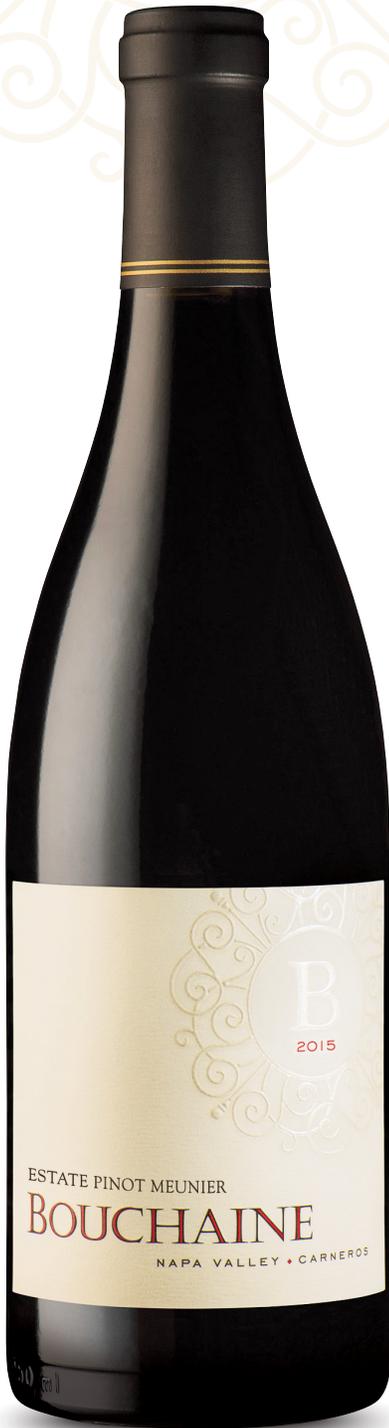


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NAPA VALLEY ♦ CARNEROS

2015 Estate Pinot Meunier



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 nighttime temperatures of this unique geographical area lend a distinctive regional identity to our Pinot Meunier.

Growing Season

2015 delivered a tiny exceptional harvest. It was one of the earliest harvests on record, starting with an incredibly early bud break and slowly progressing through bloom. Two hailstorms during bloom naturally reduced our crop level leaving concentrated, tiny clusters. Gorgeous weather allowed for perfect ripening and flavor development for the rest of the season.

Vinification

All fruit is hand harvested at night, preserving berry integrity and cold temperatures. After a 5-7 day cold soak, fruit is natively fermented in open top tanks. The wine is then drawn off, and the must is placed in a basket press for gentle pressing. All wines complete malolactic fermentation in French oak barrels. The Meunier blocks are kept on primary lees until bottling to enhance complexity and allow for the finest expression of Carneros.

Tasting Notes

We describe this wine as a shapeshifter. Often reminiscent of blueberry pie, it also displays layers of sage, clove, dark chocolate and espresso nibs. The balance of gorgeous briar and cassis flavors with layers of savory notes draws one in and makes this a wine to sip, savor, and ponder.

Appellation

Napa Valley, Carneros

Vineyard

Estate

Aging

10 months

Harvest Date

September 1, 2015

Bottling Date

July 29, 2016

Maturation

25% new French oak

PH

3.65

TA

5.7 g/L

RS

0 g/L

Alcohol

14.5%

Production

359 cases (750ml)

Suggested Retail

\$68