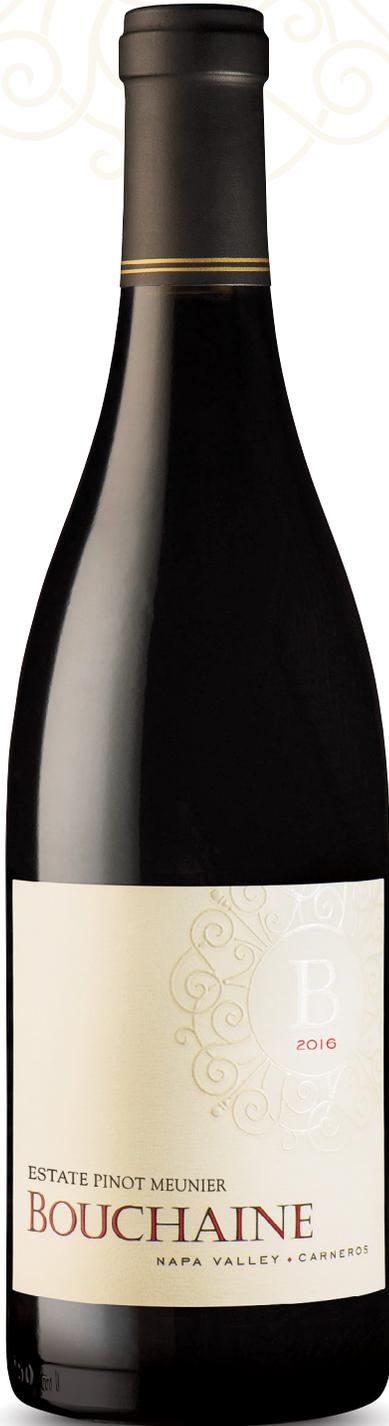


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# BOUCHAINE

NAPA VALLEY ♦ CARNEROS

## 2016 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

2016 delivered an early and exceptional harvest. Rainy, cool weather during bloom naturally reduced our crop level, leaving concentrated clusters. A cool, foggy summer allowed for slow ripening, high acidity, and superb flavor development. With no heat spikes or rush to pick, it was a smooth harvest that delivered top quality fruit.

### 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 Dates

September 1-15, 2016

### Bottling Date

August 9, 2017

### Maturation

25% new French oak

### PH

3.7

### TA

5.7 g/L

### RS

0 g/L

### Alcohol

14.3%

### Production

360 cases (750ml)

### Suggested Retail

\$68