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# BOUCHAINE

NAPA VALLEY ♦ CARNEROS

## 2018 Estate Pinot Noir



### Vineyards

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

2018 delivered a late but incredible harvest. Beautiful weather during bloom allowed for a bounty of exceptional fruit. A cool, foggy summer with no heat events ensured slow even ripening, vibrant acidity and superb flavor development.

### Vinification

All grapes are hand harvested at night, preserving berry integrity and low temperatures for cold soak. After a 5-7 day cold soak in both open and closed top tanks, only native yeast is used to ferment our Pinot Noir. The wine is drawn off at the end of fermentation and the must 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 racked together in late Spring to assemble the finest expression of Carneros. Wine is then returned to barrel to allow the blend to marry before the August bottling.

### Tasting Notes

A tangy fresh cherry nose opens to cocoa, cola, and notes of nutmeg. The juicy lip smacking entry shows lovely cherry and wild strawberry flavors with gorgeous rose petal and baking spices in the background. Smooth tannin and vibrant acidity make this a perfect wine for food pairings.

### Appellation

Napa Valley, Carneros

### Vineyard

Estate

### Aging

10 months

### Harvest Dates

Sept. 4 - Oct. 11, 2018

### Bottling Date

August 27, 2019

### Maturation

18% new French oak

### PH

3.6

### TA

5.9 g/L

### RS

0 g/L

### Alcohol

14.2%

### Production

3,100 cases (750ml)

### Suggested Retail

\$35

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