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2019 Pommard Clone, 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

The 2019 growing season will be remembered as a "Goldilocks" vintage. Not too cold, not too hot . . . but just right. Late rains in May had growers biting their nails as these storms can cause damage to vines that are flowering, leading to reduced crop loads. However, sunshine won that battle and the rains disappeared giving way to a long, consistent growing season throughout the summer. No major heat events appeared during harvest time which gave us beautiful ripening at an even pace. Juuuust right.

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

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

Napa Valley, Carneros

Vineyard

Estate

Aging

10 months

Harvest Dates

September 19, 2019

Bottling Date

August 5, 2020

Maturation

25% new French oak

PH

3.6

TA

5.5 g/L

RS

0 g/L

Alcohol

14.6%

Production

400 cases (750ml)

Suggested Retail

\$65

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