

MERRYVALE

VINEYARDS

2021 Pinot Noir Carneros, Napa Valley



Winemaking

This wine exemplifies the powerful elegance of Carneros Pinot Noir. Classic Burgundian techniques in the cellar respect the purity of the fruit and allow for a true expression of a fantastic 2021 vintage. The fruit was hand harvested at night to retain freshness and acidity. After a 5 day cold soak in tank, the wines began native yeast fermentation. Hand punchdowns and minimal pumpovers each day, backing off and pressing at dryness. Spontaneous malolactic fermentation completed in barrel. Classic Burgundian approach.

Vintage

The season started off with very little rain, leading to the 2nd year of drought conditions in Napa Valley and an early start to Harvest. While concerning in the long term, the drought of 2021 resulted in a more natural load on the vines, requiring less pruning and dropping of fruit. The resulting grapes are packed full of flavor. The smaller yields per vine and smaller berry size will result in another amazing vintage from Napa Valley.

Tasting Notes

Showcasing hallmark dark fruits and bracing acidity, this Pinot Noir is classic Carneros. The complex aromatics have it all—underforest earthiness with a core of black cherry and baking spices, complemented by flinty minerality. Velvety on the palate, the wine is perfectly weighted with incredible natural acidity and a long, evolving finish. One of our favorites from a truly outstanding vintage. Drink now and over the next 10 years.

Appellation:	Carneros, Napa Valley
Blend:	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyards:	Stanly Ranch Estate, Brown Ranch
Cooperage:	40% new French oak barrels for 10 months
Alc:	13.9%
PH:	3.69
TA:	5.9 g/L

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