



# Domaine Carneros

Domaine Carneros captures the essence of Carneros terroir with this Pinot Noir, crafted from a diverse array of clones grown on the estate.



## Estate Pinot Noir 2020

California, USA

### Region and Vineyards

This Pinot Noir originates from the **Carneros AVA**, a cool-climate region at the southern edge of Napa and Sonoma, where proximity to San Pablo Bay delivers foggy mornings and maritime breezes. These conditions moderate temperatures, slow ripening, and preserve the grape's **natural acidity and delicate aromatics** - ideal for Pinot Noir.

Domaine Carneros cultivates **six sustainably certified estate vineyards**, each within a few kilometers of the château. With over **twenty distinct Pinot Noir clones** planted across varied soils and exposures, the estate builds a layered and complex profile through clonal diversity. This "mosaic" of fruit sources allows the winemaker to draw from parcels that bring **structure, spice, earth, and fruit purity**, offering a wine that reflects both the **precision of site selection** and the signature finesse of Carneros Pinot Noir.

### Winemaking

Crafted entirely from **estate-grown Pinot Noir**, this cuvée was harvested at optimal ripeness (24.0–24.8° Brix) and fermented to preserve fruit character and site expression. The wine was then matured for **10 months in French oak**, one-third of which was new, lending well-integrated spice and textural richness.

Winemaker **TJ Evans** carefully selects oak to enhance earth and spice nuances without overshadowing the fruit. The final profile balances **14.5% alcohol** with a **pH of 3.63** and a moderate **acidity of 0.58 g/100 ml**, delivering both structure and plushness.

### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby with garnet reflections.
- **Aroma:** Subtle yet layered, with red currant, raspberry, coastal fern, and tobacco leaf.
- **Palate:** A burst of cranberry and red raspberry, supported by creamy tannins, spice, and forest floor complexity. Finishes long with warmth and savory detail.



Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir



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## Did you know?

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Domaine Carneros grows **more than twenty clones of Pinot Noir**, allowing the winemaking team to assemble each vintage like a patchwork—balancing aromatic intensity, texture, and longevity from a wide genetic palette.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

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- **Hen of the woods mushroom pizza:** A winemaker favorite that accentuates the wine's earthy and savory elements.
- **Grilled salmon with herb crust:** Enhances the red fruit and spice interplay.
- **Roast pork loin with cranberry glaze:** A perfect complement to the wine's brightness and supple tannins.
- **Duck breast with cherry compote:** Mirrors the fruit and supports the wine's plush mouthfeel.



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