

# MERRYVALE

## VINEYARDS

### 2019 Pinot Noir Carneros, Napa Valley



#### Winemaking

Our 2019 Carneros Pinot Noir is a great representation of the region and the vintage, with fruit coming from 3 distinctly unique vineyards across the appellation with different microclimates. A long growing season and an even harvest led to some outstanding fruit, and the resulting wines are full bodied but balanced with great natural acidity. A Classic Burgundian approach to Carneros. 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.

#### Vintage

The beginning of the 2019 growing season was defined by copious rainfall and late soil moisture. The long, warm summer saw very few extreme heat events, with foggy mornings setting the stage for vibrant and expressive wines. The long, relatively mild finish to the season helped to preserve freshness and inesse in the fruit teasing out great color, structure and soft tannins. All in all, exceptional fruit with bright acidity and ample texture has resulted in an amazing vintage.

#### Tasting Notes

Aromas of black cherries, baking spices, and sarsaparilla. The wine is robust, complex, and delicious, exhibiting more tertiary flavors as it evolves. The mouthfeel is silky, with beautifully integrated tannins and a long, lingering finish. Classic Carneros but with a distinct Burgundian influence. Highly enjoyable on its own, it will pair beautifully with a wide range of foods. Drink now and over the next 10 years.

Appellation:	Carneros, Napa Valley
Blend:	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyards:	Stanly Ranch Estate, Lee Vineyard and Brown Ranch
Cooperage:	30% new French oak barrels for 11 months
Alc:	13.5%
PH:	3.88
TA:	5.0 g/L

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