



DOMAINE CARNEROS.

2024 The Famous Gate Pinot Noir

BLEND

100% Estate Grown Pinot Noir

18 Months Barrel Aged in French oak, 40% new

Clones: 70% Swan, 12% Hanzell, 10% Dijon 114, 8% Dijon 115

ABOUT OUR FAMOUS GATE

Through this wine, one can trace the history of Pinot Noir at Domaine Carneros. In 1992, we made our first two barrels and called it The Famous Gate in honor of the antique iron gate which stands at the entrance to Domaine Carneros, a gift from the Taittinger family. For the past thirty years, we have carefully cultivated three old-vine blocks of the historic Swan selection of Pinot Noir. Each small block is located at a different vineyard; two are in Napa, and one on the western Sonoma side of Carneros. In this wine, Swan takes center stage, with two supporting characters – “Hanzell” selection and “Dijon 115” to create the highest expression of our estate-grown Carneros terroir.

HARVEST NOTES

The growing season began with abundant rains and continued with a short frost season and mild spring weather. The winter rain allowed for full reservoirs and healthy canopies in the vineyards, and moderate summer temperatures with occasional short periods of heat were perfect conditions to ripen a slightly above-average crop of very high-quality fruit. With a brief July heat spike, the 2024 vintage began ripening stages earlier than usual, but moderate temperatures then allowed for steady ripening until our official 38th harvest commenced on August 14, a typical start date. We experienced warmer temperatures in the first week of September and worked quickly to bring in the grapes for our still Pinot Noir program. Overall, we are very optimistic about the 2024 vintage, and we are grateful for two consecutive vintages of ample quantity with excellent quality.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

The 2024 Famous Gate Pinot Noir opens with enticing aromas of pomegranate, warm spice, vanilla, dark chocolate, and new leather. On the palate, there is densely layered red fruits including baked cherry and raspberry intertwined with cocoa powder. Evidence of whole cluster fermentation is noted in the delicate spices that punctuate the soft tannins, leading to a long, smooth finish. This wine sees extended aging of 18 months, which lends soft tannins and warm savory spice. While poised and delicious to drink now, the impeccable balance, bright acidity, and persistence of the palate provide evidence for graceful aging.

SUGGESTED PAIRINGS

Our winemakers recommend pairing this exquisite wine with equally interesting dishes such as Moroccan lamb tagine with orange and ras el hanout, beef bourguignon, filet mignon, or fig and prosciutto pizza with caramelized onions.

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Carneros

Harvest Brix: 24.0°

Final pH: 3.57

Final Acid: 0.6g/100ml

Alcohol: 14.2%

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PRICE

\$95

