



DOMAINE CARNEROS.

2017 Lawler Ranch Pinot Noir



BLEND

100% Pinot Noir

ABOUT OUR LAWLER RANCH PINOT NOIR

The Lawler Ranch vineyard is located on Ramal Road just east of our Tula Vista vineyard. The eastern facing slopes were originally planted in 1990, and then grafted to Dijon Clones in 2004. The vineyard is quite mature now and the grapes ripen on their own schedule in the cool breezes off the San Pablo Bay. We were very lucky to get a few tons from our neighbor.

HARVEST

The growing season experienced a series of heat spikes that gently urged ripeness levels forward. The net affect was an early start to harvest with surprisingly well developed tannins. Yields were modest, especially in Pinot noir, but not as limited as the previous two vintages. The 2017 uses the Pommard clone (50%) for the blend's foundation. It marries well with the Dijon 667 (50%) which adds depth and structure. The grapes were harvested on August 28, and we combined the two separate clones in one open-topped tank. After cold soaking the grapes for five days to maximize color and flavor extraction, the fermentation was initiated with a traditional Burgundian yeast.

TASTING NOTES

This wine exudes youthful exuberance and energy. It is delicious now, but one need not be overly optimistic to see the aging potential. Leaping from the glass are notes of sassafras, rose petal, and boysenberry. The palate has a mouthwatering, juicy quality, with black raspberry, lingonberry, and plum clafouti backed up additional notes of baking spice. The blend enjoyed a full fifteen months of barrel age; 50% newly coopered French oak from Cadus and Francois-Frères. *198 cases produced without fining or filtration.*

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Carneros
Brix at Harvest: 25.0°
Final pH: 3.56
Acid: 0.61g/100mls
Alcohol: 14.5%

PRICE

\$49

