



DOMAINE CARNEROS®

2017 *The Famous Gate*



BLEND

100% Estate Grown Carneros; 100% French Oak (46% new)
81% Swan, 7% Hanzell, 5% Pommard UCD-5, 4% Dijon 115

ABOUT OUR FAMOUS GATE

The “Famous Gate” pays homage to our deep commitment to Pinot Noir. In 1992 we made our first two barrels and since then have carefully cultivated three small blocks of the Swan selection, each located at a different vineyard. This notoriously shy bearing clone forms the basis of Famous Gate, the highest expression of our Estate grown Carneros terroir.

In this iteration, there are three supporting characters. Of course, we have the Swan (81%), but it is complimented by Hanzell (7%), Pommard UCD-5 (5%), and Dijon 115 (4%). The fermentation process begins with a gentle de-stemming, followed by a cold soak for five days to extract color and aromatics. We use small open topped vats, and the “cap”, formed from escaping CO₂, is punched down three times daily. Our exhaustive barrel stave selection and aging program is custom tailored by fine Burgundian coopers including Rousseau, Francois-Frères, Cadus, and Sirugue which lends supple tannins and warm savory spice. The wine was aged in barrel for 16 months, and the final blend was racked once before bottling without fining or filtration.

TASTING NOTES

The 2017 Famous Gate Pinot Noir opens with enticing aromas of Bing cherry, black raspberry, violets, and mandarin orange. On the palate, there is sweet boysenberry, enriched by layers of pomegranate, bergamot tea, and star anise. With its silky texture and mouthwatering acidity, this wine invites enjoyment now and promises further depth and complexity with added cellaring. Enjoy our finest expression of authentic estate grown Carneros terroir. *Available only at the winery. 1,949 cases produced.*

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Carneros
Alcohol: 14.5%
TA: 0.62g/100ml

Brix at Harvest: 24.1 - 24.8°
Final pH: 3.59

PRICE

\$92