



DOMAINE CARNEROS.

2017 *Le Ciel Serein*

BLEND

100% Estate Grown Pinot Noir
66% *Dijon 667*
31% *Dijon 777*
3% *Pommard UCD-5*

ABOUT OUR LE CIEL SEREIN

We call it “Le Ciel Serein” and it just might be the most picturesque ranch in Carneros. This site was selected for its rolling hills, diverse exposure, and exceptional soils. Developed between 2002 and 2004, it has been carefully planted to a wide variety of pinot noir clones. Year after year it has proven itself by consistently delivering lush, aromatic and exciting pinot noir.

TASTING NOTES

This edition features the vaunted “Dijon 667” clone (66%), which is widely planted in California and a particular favorite here in Carneros. The pure fruit expression of this clone is one of its undeniable hallmarks, and in this example showcases a mixture of red and black berries, and a burst of spicy boysenberry.

Two other selections complete the blend, “Dijon 777” (31%), and “Pommard UCD-5” (3%). The resulting blend presents a complex array of fruit and spice accented with silky soft tannins.

With respect to tannin, the 2017 vintage merges the firmness of the 2013 with the juicy nature of 2015. This is a pinot noir with both red and blue fruits, and a lot of tangy berry notes. With more time in the glass the nose opens up with recollections of a coastal redwood forest understory featuring moist ferns, turned earth and tree bark. The palate offers ripe plum, wild berries, delicate cigar spice, and carob nibs. The final blend enjoyed fifteen months of barrel age (40% new) from our favorite French coopers.

1,207 cases produced without fining or filtration.

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Carneros
Final pH: 3.58
Alcohol: 14.2%

Brix at Harvest: 24.0 - 25.1°
Final Acid: 0.63g/100mls

PRICE

\$60

