



DOMAINE CARNEROS.

2018 The Famous Gate Pinot Noir



BLEND

100% Estate Grown Pinot Noir
73% Swan, 17% Dijon 115, 10% Hanzell

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. For the past thirty years, we have carefully cultivated three small blocks of the Swan selection. Each block is located at a different vineyard; two are in Napa, and one on the western, Sonoma side, of Carneros. All blocks were planted between 1998 and 1999 from the same source material.

HARVEST NOTES

The growing season combined interesting aspects of two recent vintages. Temperatures in 2018 tracked identically with 2011, but the vintages were remarkably different due to flowering dates and crop load. The 2018 crop load was similar to 2021 due to the prolonged cool weather. We had only one significant rainfall event, which occurred the first days of October. The biggest anomaly of the season was the chemistry. Historically high Malic acid levels in Pinot Noir caused delayed ripening and, therefore, harvest was delayed until September 10th.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

The 2018 Famous Gate Pinot Noir opens with enticing aromas of ripe plum, red raspberry, with hints of tobacco and forest floor. On the palate, there is sweet Bing cherry, black tea, saffras, and Chinese five spice. While poised and delicious to drink now, this wine is still quite young. Additional cellaring in the proper conditions should yield spectacular results. Enjoy our finest expression of authentic estate grown Carneros terroir.

SUGGESTED PAIRINGS

Our winemakers recommend pairing this exquisite wine with equally interesting dishes such as Moroccan lamb tagine with orange and ras el hanout or mushroom risotto.

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Carneros
Brix at Harvest: 24.1 - 24.8°
Alcohol: 14.5%
Final pH: 3.59
TA: 0.62g/100ml

PRICE

\$95