

2016 Estate Brut Cuvée



Blend

57% Estate Grown Chardonnay 43% Estate Grown Pinot Noir

ABOUT OUR ESTATE BRUT

Our Estate Brut is the signature wine of Domaine Carneros. It encompasses an array of clones and blocks from our estate vineyards. The tapestry of flavors that result, married with the inherent finesse of the cool Carneros fruit, create wines of depth and complexity that are enhanced by a minimum of three years of bottle age *sur lie* in the cellar before release. This extra bottle age yields a complex, toasty aroma and fine, pinpoint bubbles.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2016 harvest was a high quality vintage marked by mild, consistent weather through the growing season and lower than average temperatures in the crucial months of June and July. This allowed the grapes to ripen slowly and consistently, providing optimum flavor development.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Richness and complexity begin on the nose, with bounding aromas of green apple, macadamia nut, honeycomb, and yuzu. The palate is dense and full, revealing juicy pear, golden apple, quince, and lychee with a savory underpinning that melds into the long finish. This winery exclusive has been aged to perfection yet will enjoy additional evolution in the cellar over the next decade.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS

We recommend pairing with rich double and triple cream or goat cheeses. Perfect with just a few toasted nuts, it will also enhance simple to complex meals. Oysters, poultry, and even meat dishes work well and we suggest trying it with Asian cuisine.

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Carneros Alcohol: 12.0% pH: 3.1 TA: 0.8g/100ml Sugar (dosage): 0.9%

PRICE

\$36