



TRUCHARD VINEYARDS

2023 Pinot Noir



Vintage

2023 was basically a perfect vintage! Near record winter rains finally put an end to years of drought. Ideal springtime conditions allowed the vines to set an above average crop. Very mild temperatures throughout the growing season resulted in one of the latest and longest harvests in the history of the Napa Valley. The wines of 2023 have exceptional depth, intensity, finesse, and balance.

Vineyard

Seven separate clonal selections of Pinot Noir grow on the Truchard Estate Vineyard. Two “Martini” clones, the “Pommard” clone, the “Swan” clone; and several new selections from France – Dijon 114, 115, 667, and 777. Each selection provides a unique element of aromatic fruit, spice, and texture to the blend. The vines range from 27 - 49 years in age. They are planted in several select sites that take full advantage of the thin soils, rolling hills, and cooler temperatures; factors which combine to make the Carneros region ideal for producing Pinot Noir.

Harvest

Sept. 27 – Oct. 19 • 24.4 °Brix • 3.55 pH • 6.6 g/L TA

Winemaking

All of the fruit was gently destemmed and crushed into open top fermenters with approximately 20% whole berries. Each lot was inoculated with Assmanhausen yeast, after “cold soaking” for up to 5 days. Fermentations were punched down three times daily, with the temperature peaking at 92° F. After 7 - 12 days of maceration, the lots were pressed, settled in tanks for 24 hours, and then put into barrel. This wine was aged for 10 months in French oak (35% new), and bottled in August of 2024. It is ready for immediate drinking, but will gracefully age for the next 12 - 15 years.

Wine Analysis

14.1% alcohol • 3.67 pH • 6.1 g/l TA

Tasting Notes

Rich aromas of black plum, ripe cherries, and rhubarb; with hints of pomegranate, tea, and earth. The mouth is silky; with flavors of red currants, cranberry, and sweet vanilla. Firm acidity and delicate tannins focus the palate and provide a lingering finish of spice and red fruit.

Release Date

October 1, 2024

Gases Produced

4992 cases