



DOMAINE CARNEROS.

2021 Avant-Garde Pinot Noir



BLEND

100% Estate Grown Pinot Noir
9 Months Barrel Aged in French oak, 20% new

ABOUT OUR AVANT-GARDE

Domaine Carneros Avant-Garde Pinot Noir is created to be the vanguard of the vintage, heralding the distinctive bright berry qualities of the Carneros wine region. The fruit for Avant-Garde is sourced from all six Domaine Carneros estate vineyards in the rolling hills of Carneros. This blend exhibits the most fragrant characteristics present in select lots from these vineyards. The wine is fermented in small open-topped tanks and then aged for nine months in mostly neutral Burgundian French oak barrels. The barrel regimen for this wine is specially designed to preserve the wine's bright, floral, and fruity characteristics.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2021 growing season commenced with an early budbreak followed by unseasonably cool spring and early summer temperatures, which helped preserve vineyard health as we entered a second year of drought conditions. Summer temperatures were moderated by the marine layer which allowed the grapes to mature slowly and consistently and resulted in wonderful depth of flavor and concentration in the generous harvest.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Exceptionally aromatic, this wine features aromas of fresh pomegranate and sweet cherries, warm oak, and cinnamon. The palate presents exuberant flavors of juicy black cherries, with notes of raspberry, and a hint of savory tobacco leaf.

SUGGESTED PAIRINGS

Fresh and lively, the Avant-Garde delivers a core of bright sweet fruit and supple tannin that invites pairing with simply prepared dishes such as grilled salmon, chicken, or pork and will also enhance the vibrant flavors of California and Mediterranean cuisine.

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Carneros
Brix at Harvest: 23.8°
Final pH: 3.61
Final Acid: 0.59g/100ml
Alcohol: 14.2%

PRICE

\$36