



Truchard Vineyards

2011 Pinot Noir

Vintage: 2011 was the third in a string of unpredictable vintages... Cool and wet springtime conditions affected berry set and reduced yields by 20%. Cool weather continued throughout the growing season, slowly brining the smaller crop to maturity. Rains in early October forced a quick end to harvest. Despite the challenges, the wines of 2011 have bright aromas and flavors with beautiful 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 115, 667, 777. Each selection provides a unique element of aromatic fruit, spice, and texture to the blend. The vines range from 15 - 37 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. 21 – Oct. 3 • 24.5 °Brix • 3.40 pH • 7.2 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 Assmannhausen 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 to barrel. This wine was aged for 10 months in French oak (35% new), and bottled in August of 2012. It is ready for immediate drinking, but gracefully age for the next 10-12 years.

Wine Analysis: 14.1% alcohol • 3.60 pH • 6.1 g/l TA

Tasting Notes: Rich aromas of black cherry, rhubarb, and wild strawberry; with notes of citrus blossom, tea, and earth. The mouth is round and silky; with flavors of plum jam, cranberry, and sweet vanilla. Firm acidity and delicate tannins focus the palate and provide a lingering finish of spice and red fruit.

Release Date: June 1, 2013
Cases Produced: 3230 cases

