



TRUCHARD VINEYARDS

2022 Pinot Noir



Vintage: The 2022 vintage displays the resilience of our vineyards. Moderate winter rains offered the vines much needed relief after an exceptionally dry 2021. Mild spring weather followed, allowing the vines to set a more robust crop. Picking began in late August, then a record-setting heat wave in mid-September accelerated the harvest. The progression of the seasons in 2022 helped to enhance the bounty from our vines and, ultimately, the balanced flavors and aromas that define our wines.

Vineyard: Seven separate clonal selections of Pinot Noir grow on the Truchard Estate Vineyard. Two “Martini” clones, the “Pommard” clone, the “Swan” clone, along with 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 26 to 48 years in age. They are planted in several select sites that take full advantage of the thin soils, rolling hills, and cooler temperatures. These elements combine to make the Carneros region ideal for producing Pinot Noir.

Harvest: Aug. 24 – Sept. 13 • 24.6 °Brix • 3.52 pH • 6.8 g/L TA

Winemaking: 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, then put into barrel. This wine was aged for 10 months in French oak (35% new), and bottled in August of 2023. It is ready for immediate drinking, but will gracefully age for the next 10 - 12 years.

Wine Analysis: 14.1% alcohol • 3.63 pH • 6.1 g/l TA

Tasting Notes: Rich aromas of ripe plum, pie 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: Oct. 1, 2023

Cases Produced: 4027 cases

Bottle Price: \$35.00

