

2013 Carneros Cuvée

MORE THAN A WINE, IT'S A FEELING

COMPOSITION:

55% Pinot Noir 45% Chardonnay

AGING: 8 years on the yeast

APPELATION: Carneros

ALCOHOL: 12.5%

TA: 7.3 g/L

PH: 3.22

DOSAGE: 11.6 g/L



TASTING NOTES:

Showcasing the beautiful complexity that comes from extended tirage aging, our 2013 Carneros Cuvée proves its seriousness from the first sip. The weight



and structure on the palate are undeniable and are wonderfully complemented by shimmering vibrancy and freshness. Zesty citrus notes dance across the palate with notes of red apple and warm cinnamon spice. This is a remarkable wine that personifies the excellence and elegance of our Carneros estate vineyards.

VINTAGE NOTES:

The 2013 growing season began with an early spring that was warm and dry. Fortunately, with the beautiful weather, the vines set a very high number of heavy grape clusters. Without any heat spikes or significant rain, all of the fruit was picked at optimal maturity and came to the winery in excellent condition.

WINEMAKING PROCESS:

Grapes are handpicked & transported to the winery in small bins where they are gently whole-cluster pressed to retain the delicate vibrancy and freshness. Only the first press, with the most delicate flavors & aromas, is used for this wine. Fermented in stainless steel tanks at 55-60°F, the wine is then bottled & aged on the lees for eight years to develop complexity and effervescence.

FOOD PAIRINGS:

The balanced acidity in this aged wine pairs well with soft cheeses and fresh fruit. Try sliced mango or grilled peaches topped with a classic chèvre. A watercress salad drizzled with a raspberry vinaigrette and chopped almonds will play with the wine's bright fruit flavors. For dessert, the spices in a pumpkin pie will enhance the rich palate and creamy finish of this unique wine.



The Carneros Cuvée is our Tête de Cuvée. It represents the best fruit from our 335 acre estate as well as our winemaking expertise in the art of blending. This special cuvée is only produced in select vintage years. With over eight years en tirage and a minimum of six months on the cork, this decade old wine is remarkably fresh, rich, and complex. It represents the ultimate statement of our iconic sparkling house style.