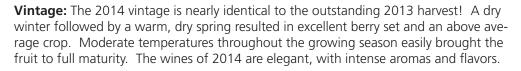


## 2014 PINOT NOIR



**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, 777. Each selection provides a unique element of aromatic fruit, spice, and texture to the blend. The vines range from 18 - 40 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:** September 2 – 13 • 24.6 °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 2015. It is ready for immediate drinking, but will evolve over the next 7 - 10 years.

Wine Analysis: 14.1% alcohol • 3.62 pH • 6.1 g/l TA

**Tasting Notes:** A beautiful nose of pomegranate, rhubarb, and wild strawberry; highlighted with citrus blossom, tea, and earth. The mouth is silky; with bright flavors of cranberry, ripe plum, and sweet vanilla. Firm acidity and delicate tannins focus the palate and provide a lingering finish of spice and red fruit.

Release Date: April 1st, 2016 Cases Produced: 7348 cases

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