

Robert Foley

VINEYARDS

2017 PINOT NOIR



Medium dark in color, aromas of red cherry and raspberry fruit combine with a spicy note reminiscent of caraway. Lively natural acidity frames the velvety mid-palate which delivers the bright fruit flavors in a super-soft lingering finish.

Unique for the Carneros region of the southern Napa Valley, the 2017 Pinot Noir from the Hudson Vineyard is quite Burgundian in style. Benefiting from the extreme drainage of upper Carneros volcanic geology, the stressed vines have imparted fantastic character to the fruit while the cool proximity to the Bay keeps the natural acidity in perfect balance.

Even tonnages of a French clone and a UC Davis clone contribute a femininity and masculinity – two separate cuvées aged in two separate oak regimes to create a beautiful pair of wines that are barrel-aged one year in Burgundian cooperage sur lie, followed by 5 years of bottle age.

SPECIFICATIONS

Wine: 2017 Pinot Noir

Appellation: Carneros, Napa Valley [Hudson vineyard]

Vineyard: 'Upper Carneros,' where the Mayacamas Mountain range completes its run. Volcanic tuff soil with warm days and cool nights.

Variety: 100% Pinot Noir [Clones 777 (Pommard) and 5 (UC Davis)]

Harvest: Hand picked in September 2017

Vinification: Ten-day fermentation, hand punch-down, new French Oak barrels

Alcohol: 13.8%

Bottled: August 2018

Production: 1020 cases

Winemaker: Bob Foley

Retail price: \$52