

# Robert Foley

## VINEYARDS

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### 2016 PINOT NOIR

Unique for the Carneros region of the southern Napa Valley, the 2016 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.

Ripe raspberry and red cherry aromas marry with a subtle suggestion of toastiness. These flavors flood the palate with softly coating weight and richness. The finish tannins are seductively gentle, framing a delicious combination of ripeness and brightness. This is a perfectly balanced Pinot that drinks pleasingly and will develop with years of bottle-aging.

### SPECIFICATIONS

Wine: 2016 Pinot Noir

Appellation: Carneros, Napa [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 2016

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

Alcohol: 13.5%

Bottled: August 2017

Production: 720 cases

Winemaker: Bob Foley

Retail price: \$52