



SEBASTIANI

2017

PINOT NOIR

ROBERT'S VINEYARD
CARNEROS

DAVID NAKAJI, WINEMAKER

TECHNICAL DETAILS

APPELLATION

Carneros

COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

COOPERAGE

14 months in French oak barrels

ALCOHOL

14.6%

TA

0.65 g/100ml

PH

3.54

BOTTLING DATE

February 2019

CASES

523

VINEYARDS

Robert's Vineyard is located in the cool, windy Carneros AVA at the southern end of Sonoma County. The site features gently rolling hills and unfettered exposure to the morning fog and strong afternoon breezes that help define the region. Our 2017 combines fruit from the three finest blocks on the property. The final blend is composed of 51% Clone #115, 25% Clone #32, and 24% Clone 4 (Pommard).

VINTAGE

The 2017 growing season started off with record setting rainfalls, delaying bud break from years past. Spring and summer experienced a mixture of foggy, warm and windy conditions. The summer months were moderately warm allowing the grapes to mature at an ideal pace. Extreme heat spikes at the end of August to early September pushed harvest ahead of schedule. The fruit for this wine entered the winery from September 6 to September 9, 2017.

WINEMAKING

All lots were de-stemmed gently to preserve the whole berries. We cold soaked for an average of three days before inoculation. During fermentation, the wine was pumped over its skins two to three times a day in closed top stainless steel tanks. Press fractions were kept separate and fined to remove any harsh or raisin-like flavors. Each lot was then transferred into 100% new French oak barrels and aged for 14 months until bottling.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2017 Robert's Vineyard Pinot Noir opens with the trademark earthiness of the Carneros site, along with aromas of Maraschino cherry, clove and Asian spices. The palate is medium bodied with bright, juicy flavors of cranberry and raspberry followed by notes of vanilla and toast. The finish is velvety smooth with lingering flavors of ripe fruit and sweet vanilla.

- David Nakaji, *Winemaker*