

SEBASTIANI

VINEYARDS & WINERY



2018

PINOT NOIR

**ROBERT'S VINEYARD
CARNEROS**

DAVID NAKAJI, WINEMAKER

TECHNICAL DETAILS

APPELLATION

Carneros

COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

COOPERAGE

14 months in French oak

ALCOHOL

14.1%

TA

0.71 g/100ml

PH

3.48

BOTTLING DATE

February 2020

CASES PRODUCED

496

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 2018 combines fruit from the two finest blocks on the property. The final blend is composed of 33% Clone #115 and 67% Clone 4 (Pommard).

VINTAGE

The 2018 growing season was one of the mildest and smoothest in recent memory. Mild spring weather led to good fruit set in most varietals and moderate weather throughout the year made for ideal growing conditions. There were no major heat spikes, which gave us longer hang-time and great ripening on the vine. While a fairly long harvest, the 2018 crop delivered fruit with complex flavors and was of excellent quality.

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 French oak barrels and aged for 14 months until bottling.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2018 Robert's Vineyard Pinot Noir opens with the trademark earthiness of the Carneros site, along with aromas of cherry cola and hints of black olive on the nose. The palate is medium bodied with robust cherry fruit flavors. Notes of sweet vanilla and clove shine through on this wine making it very approachable with it's juicy ripe fruit flavors and soft velvety tannins on the finish.

- David Nakaji, *Winemaker*