

## 2018 SINGLE BLOCK RESERVE

# CARNEROS PINOT NOIR WEST SLOPE

### INTRODUCTION

West Slope comes from the middle portion of our west-facing 4-90 vineyard block, a 5.5-acre hillside at the Donum Estate Ranch. Planted in 1990 to the Donum Selection, the mainstay clone of our Donum Carneros Pinot Noir, the vines developed depth and complexity with age, and this block cried out to be bottled as a stand-alone. First bottled in 2007, West Slope represents the culmination of our search for the top Pinot Noir terroir in Carneros.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

West Slope is always one of our richest, most complex wines, but in 2018 it reaches a new level of elegance and refinement. Low yields and a beautifully even growing season result in a wine of exceptional depth. Aromas of black cherry, cocoa nib and violet lead to a mix of dark and red berry on palate. As it evolves in the glass, notes of iron, espresso, and flint develop, leading to a finish that is both rich in fruit yet savory.

#### **ACCOLADES**

95+ Points, Robert Parker, THE WINE ADVOCATE





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