

# FABULOUS! THE DONUM ESTATE

reviews for 2006, a challenging vintage.

## Wine Spectator

**JUNE 2009 • 95 POINTS**

**Donum Russian River Valley  
Pinot Noir 2006**

Shows fantastic depth and focus, with aromatic truffelike earth notes that highlight the pure raspberry, floral, cherry, herb and spice notes. This has a supple texture, juicy acidity and an intense finish that sails on and on. Drink now through 2015. From California – M.W.

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**Donum Carneros Estate Grown  
Pinot Noir 2006**

Compact, but wonderfully ripe, juicy and pure, with an explosion of pomegranate, cherry, currant and raspberry flavors, which are accented with sage, cedar, spice and tea. Drink now through 2014. – M.W.

## PINOTREPORT

**MAY 2009 • 96 POINTS**

**Donum Carneros Estate Grown  
Pinot Noir 2006**

Medium ruby color; complex, deep earth and dark cherry aromas; rich, deep, complex dark cherry flavors with earthy and spicy notes; sweet oak; very silky, good structure and balance; long finish. Incredible silky texture and deep flavors mark this latest Pinot triumph from winemaker Kenneth Juhasz. Just plain delicious. 888 cases made

## PINOTREPORT

**MAY 2009 • 94 POINTS**

**Donum Russian River Valley  
Pinot Noir 2006**

Medium ruby color; spicy red cherry, cola and earthy aromas; deep, lush, red cherry flavors with earthy cola notes; sweet oak, silky texture; good structure and balance; long finish. Pretty and expressive, this Pinot really shows a top-to-bottom integration of all its components. Delicious. 400 cases made

## WINE ENTHUSIAST

**JULY 2009 • 92 POINTS**

**Donum Carneros Estate Grown  
Pinot Noir 2006**

Lovely and lilting, like a cloud in a glass. Shows true Pinot essence in the silky texture and rich flavors of cherries, black raspberries, cola, mocha and pepper spice, firmed and toned with crisp Carneros acidity. —S.H.



**APRIL/MAY 2009 • 92 POINTS**

**First Place (22 wines tasted)  
Donum Russian River Valley  
Pinot Noir 2006**

Medium-light brickish ruby color; attractive, forward, herbal, toasty, ripe cherry fruit aroma with notes of clove and vanilla; medium-full to full body; forward, rich, textured, plummy, ripe black cherry fruit flavors; medium-full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Very highly recommended. Very enjoyable to drink now. 14.4% alcohol; 400 cases

**APRIL/MAY 2009**

**Second Place (22 wines tasted)  
Donum Carneros Pinot Noir 2006**

Medium-light brickish ruby; attractive, forward, herbal, smoky, slightly stemmy, black cherry fruit aroma; medium-full to full body; forward, rich, herbal, strawberry and black cherry fruit flavors with a note of charred oak; medium-full tannin a bit tart and drying on the finish; lingering aftertaste. Highly recommended. 14.4% alcohol; 800 cases



**AUGUST 2008 • 97 POINTS**

**Donum Russian River Valley  
Pinot Noir 2006**

The wine is dramatically smooth and supple showing a nose of carbon, violet and meaty macerated black cherry nectar with licorice and cherry on the palate nestled in a velvet-like polished core. A great follow-up to the stunning premiere 2005 vintage.

## THE WINE NEWS

**SPRING 2009 • 93 POINTS**

**Donum Carneros Estate Grown  
Pinot Noir 2006**

Pale garnet hue. Attractive bouquet of smoky bacon fat, tea, rhubarb and red licorice. Sweet, delicate flavors of cherry fruit with basil and fine-grain tannins. The sweetness lingers, yet the earthy character of the wine tempers the richness and balances the close.



**JUNE 2006 • 91 POINTS**

**Donum Carneros Estate Grown  
Pinot Noir 2006**

This weighty, fully expressed Pinot Noir will never be mistaken for anything other than the California wine that it is, and, while some might find fault with its overt ripeness and lavish oak, we confess to being drawn in by its fruity depth. Fleshy, full-bodied and fairly viscous in feel, it verges on being almost too much of a good thing, but, when all is said and done, it succeeds by dint of its sheer hedonistic richness and will serve famously with full-flavored lamb and beef dishes.

QUARTERLY REVIEW OF WINES



**SPRING 2009 • FIVE-STAR**

**California Pinot Noir  
Best of the Best**

**Donum Russian River Valley  
Pinot Noir 2006**

Engaging blackberry aromas; deep, generous, plush. Well-concentrated, black fruit, spice and roasted nut flavors. Chosen for extraordinary character and quality – in a class by themselves