



DONUM

THE GIFT OF THE LAND

*A*t The Donum Estate we are dedicated to the pursuit of the ultimate pinot noir. With traditional Burgundian winemaking techniques, sensitive farming practices and unwavering passion for this varietal, we strive for an intricate balance between elegance and intensity in our wine. It is an expression of the exceptional terroir of our estate in Carneros — the gift of the land.



2005 CARNEROS PINOT NOIR ESTATE GROWN

Complex nose of ripe strawberries, leather, cherry liqueur, fresh split cedar, smoke, blackberries, sea salt and carbon. Rounded and broad mouth feel of seamless sweet black fruit, red currant and earth. This is a big pinot noir without being over the top.

91 POINTS Robert Parker

94 POINTS Pinot Report

94 POINTS Vinfolio

92 POINTS The Wine Spectator

FRUIT

100% Carneros Pinot Noir
Vineyard 1 (4-90): 75%
Vineyard 2 (4A01): 25%

HARVEST DATE

V1: 9/30/2005 | V2: 10/01/2005

AGING

11 months in Burgundian cooperage

FERMENTATION DETAILS

100% destemmed. After destemming, grapes were cold soaked 5 days. Fermentation was native and achieved a temperature of 94°F. Went to barrel "dirty" and aged on the lees into the spring of 2006. 75% new French oak.

WEATHER ATTRIBUTES

With temperatures on the cooler side and soils fully saturated, our controls to limit vigor were minimal. The tools we had, such as cover crop and heavy canopy management, helped greatly. Flowering was a bit later than normal, but cool, more moderate weather prevailed, slowing down the season.

A minor heat spike at the end of August got us excited and we expected to start harvesting shortly thereafter, but Mother Nature had a different idea. Cool temperatures marked most of September bringing ripening to a stop. The 2005 vintage showed us what hang-time really means. The interval averaged 50-plus days for most of our blocks. The last 15 years of data on our vineyards show that our average period from bloom to harvest is 115 days. In 2005 the average for our vineyard was 130 days — now THAT is hang-time.

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