

## 2021 SINGLE BLOCK RESERVE

# CARNEROS MERLOT THOMAS

#### INTRODUCTION

In 2018, we planted just under one acre of Merlot on our TFV Estate Vineyard. Merlot thrives in the clay-rich soils of Saint-Émilion and Carneros—regions known for their heavy clay soils, which provide ideal conditions for this varietal. While Carneros is best known for Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, it also has a rich history with Bordeaux varietals. Inspired by this legacy, we set out to craft a Merlot that combines the structure of Bordeaux with the elegance of Pinot Noir—refined, balanced and expressive rather than powerful.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

Deep ruby in color, the 2021 Merlot opens with aromas of blackberry, red currant, sage, tobacco leaf and a touch of vanilla. The palate is vibrant, revealing layers of raspberry, Bing cherry and black currant, followed by notes of dried herb and graphite. Still youthful after two years in bottle, this wine is already showing beautifully and will continue to develop greater complexity and depth over the next 10 to 20 years.

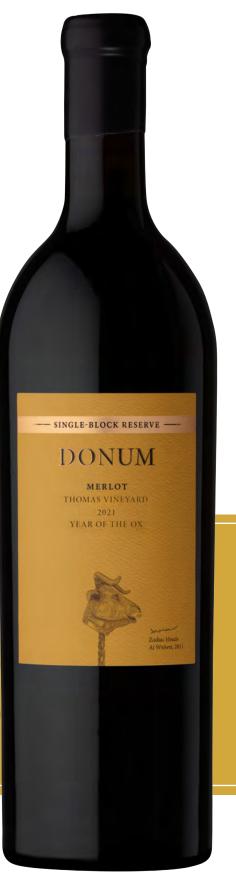
FRUIT
100% Merlot

HARVEST DATE
September 6, 2021

ESTATE BOTTLED
July 13, 2023

CASES PRODUCED
74 cases

AGING
22 months in 100% new French oak





#### 2023

## CARNEROS CHARDONNAY

#### INTRODUCTION

Our Carneros Chardonnay is sourced from several Estate blocks planted in 2013 and 2016 to a variety of Chardonnay clones, along with several blocks of our Old Wente clone at our TFV site. Primarily fermented with native yeast in French oak, with a small percentage in concrete, this wine reflects our commitment to elegance and balance. As with our Pinot Noir, we farm our Chardonnay with the same precision and low yields. To preserve freshness, we avoid stirring the lees, allowing the wine to age undisturbed for 16 months to develop texture and complexity.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

Medium straw in color, the 2023 Carneros Chardonnay opens with aromas of lime, orange blossom, honeydew melon and a hint of freshly split wood. The palate offers classic Carneros flavors of Golden Delicious apple and peach, layered with notes of kiwi, melon and wildflower honey. The mouthfeel is resonant and high-toned, striking a perfect balance between richness and elegance, with remarkable intensity. Drink from 2025-2035.







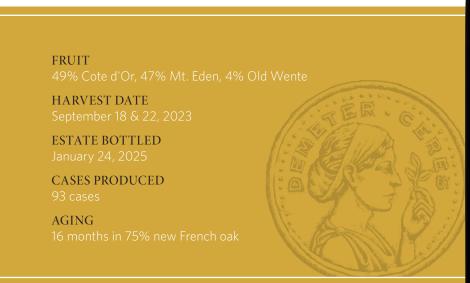
# 2023 SINGLE-VINEYARD RESERVE CARNEROS CHARDONNAY

#### INTRODUCTION

In exceptional vintages, we designate a small portion of our Carneros Chardonnay to bottle separately under a Reserve label. For us, the "Reserve" moniker does not imply a bigger or heavier wine, but rather barrels that offer a unique expression of our vineyard, worthy of being showcased on their own. The 2023 vintage highlights the heritage Chardonnay clones planted at our Estate.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

Straw in color with just a subtle golden hue, the 2023 Reserve Chardonnay opens with inviting aromas of apple, kiwi and white peach. As it evolves in the glass, delicate notes of jasmine and white pepper emerge as the wine opens up. The palate offers juicy flavors of mandarin orange, pear and honeydew, complemented by a delicate hint of alpine strawberry. Focused and vibrant throughout, the wine finishes with lift and a lingering impression of spice and cut flowers. Drink from 2026-2034.







# RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY GOLDFIELDS

#### INTRODUCTION

The 2023 Goldfields takes its name from Burke's Goldfields, a rare flower found only in the Santa Rosa Plain area—home to our Winside Vineyard. Crafted from the same fruit as our Russian River Valley Chardonnay, this wine differs in its vinification, resulting in a bold and distinctive expression. Half of the wine is fermented and aged for 11 months in a concrete egg, then aged for an additional 4 months in stainless steel, enhancing texture and volume. The other half undergoes fermentation in the orange-wine style, spending about two weeks on the skins before being pressed and aged in barrel. This skin-contact method introduces tannins and phenolics, lending remarkable structure to the wine.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

Deep gold in color, verging on almond, the 2023 Goldfields opens with complex aromas of golden raisin, nougat, date, lime rind and kumquat. The palate begins with a saline edge, then unfolds into rich fruit flavors of apple, pear, naval orange and cantaloupe. Thanks to its time on the skins, this Chardonnay delivers remarkable structure, with intensity, precision and a mineral-driven, spicy finish. Drink from 2025-2031.







## 2023 SINGLE-VINEYARD

## RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

#### INTRODUCTION

In 2015, we grafted a small, 2-acre block of Pinot Noir over to Chardonnay at Winside Vineyard, which allowed us to bottle our first vintage of Russian River Chardonnay in 2016. This section of the vineyard features loamy soils with a high sand content, providing excellent drainage, ideal for growing Chardonnay. Compared to Carneros, this site yields slightly riper fruit due to its warmer climate, while the soil preserves elevated acidity, resulting in a well-balanced and vibrant wine. Fermented and aged in French oak barrels, the wine spends 16 months on the lees without stirring, enhancing texture and depth.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

Light gold in color, the 2023 Russian River Valley Chardonnay opens with expressive aromas of Meyer lemon, lime, green apple and fresh apricot, accented by a subtle hint of sea spray that adds a mineral note. The palate unfolds with layers of papaya and peach, reflecting the warmth of Russian River Valley, balanced by crisp apple and delicate notes of silver needle tea that adds complexity and contrast. While the fruit shines, the wine's structure is equally compelling, with salt and spice notes contributing to a long, intriguing finish. Drink from 2025-2033.







# 2023 SINGLE-VINEYARD SAVOY CHARDONNAY

#### INTRODUCTION

The acquisition of Savoy Vineyard in 2023 marked a pivotal moment for Donum—it was our first acquisition of an established site with a long track record of producing exceptional wines. While Savoy is best known for Pinot Noir, it also includes a small planting of Chardonnay, with vines dating back to the mid-1990s. Anderson Valley yields a distinctive style of Chardonnay, known for its savory character. Our inaugural release from this vineyard in 2023 opens an exciting new chapter for Donum, and we're thrilled to be working with this remarkable site.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

Golden straw in color, the 2023 Savoy Chardonnay offers aromas of apple and white currant, with an intense flintiness. The palate reveals flavors of starfruit and pear, balanced by white pepper and pithy lime. Intensely high-toned, the texture is both lush and structured, reminiscent of just-ripe mango. Drink from 2025-2035.







# 2021 SINGLE-VINEYARD CARNEROS CHARDONNAY TFV

#### INTRODUCTION

Originally planted in 1974 by Thomas Ferguson, this ranch officially became part of the Donum portfolio in 2016, though we had sourced fruit from this site for our Carneros Estate Pinot Noir during the 2000s. Following a complete vineyard redevelopment, we produced our first Chardonnay from this property in 2021, marking the debut of this new wine. Just a mile away from our Estate, Thomas Ferguson Vineyard (TFV) stands out for its rocky terrain, scattered with large cobblestones, and its lighter-colored, silica-rich soils. These conditions make it one of the most unique sites in Carneros for both Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. In this Chardonnay, we find a mineral, flinty character that is unique to this site.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

Pale golden in color, the 2023 TFV Chardonnay opens with a flinty character that defines this vineyard, followed by aromas of lemon, Honeycrisp apple and a hint of honey. The palate is mineral-driven, with saline notes layered with kiwi, kumquat and apple. Bright, focused and persistent, this wine finishes with vibrancy and length. Drink from 2025-2035.







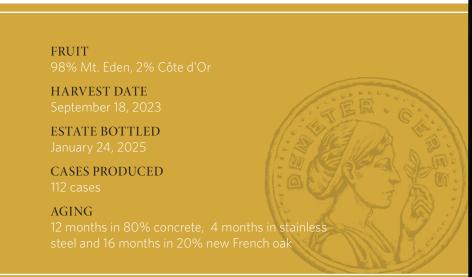
# CARNEROS CHARDONNAY THE HERON

#### INTRODUCTION

The Heron represents a new evolution in Donum Chardonnay—one defined by its vinification technique. While the base wine begins with the same pressing as our Estate Chardonnay, the two diverge from there, each following its own path. The Estate Chardonnay is fermented in barrel, while The Heron is instead racked to a concrete amphora, where it undergoes fermentation and ages for 11 months. The wine is then finished in stainless steel barrels, resulting in a distinct expression of Chardonnay—the concrete adds palate richness similar to new oak, but without imparting any oak-derived flavor.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

Light gold in color, the 2023 Heron Chardonnay offers aromas of Meyer lemon, baked apple, marzipan and jasmine. On the palate, tropical guava and Key lime flavors are balanced by golden raspberry and green apple. The concrete fermentation brings richness, while a taut structure leads to a clean, mineral-driven finish. Drink from 2025-2032.







# 2023 SINGLE-VINEYARD

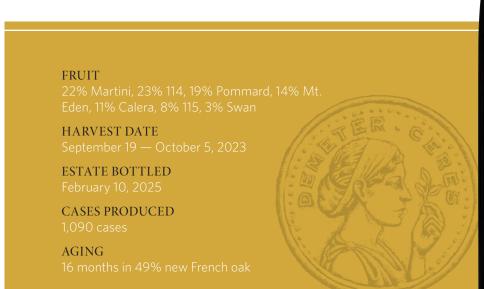
# ANDERSON VALLEY PINOT NOIR

#### INTRODUCTION

One of the most exciting moments for the Donum winemaking team was the 2023 acquisition of the famed Savoy Vineyard, one of the most renowned vineyards in Anderson Valley. While portions of the vineyard date back to the early 1990s, several blocks have been recently replanted with younger vines. For this reason, we decided to bring back our Anderson Valley Pinot Noir bottling, which includes these younger vines that are not yet ready for the vineyard-designated Savoy bottlings. With its diverse soils and cooling winds that temper summer heat, the vineyard offers a remarkable expression of Anderson Valley Pinot Noir.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

Medium ruby in color, the 2023 Anderson Valley Pinot Noir opens with aromas of blueberry, violets, pomegranate and crème brûlée. The palate is well-structured, revealing layers of juicy red berries, blackberry and cedar that evolve into notes of baking spice. The finish is long and refined, with mixed fruit joined by a lovely mineral note. Drink from 2025-2031.







#### 2023

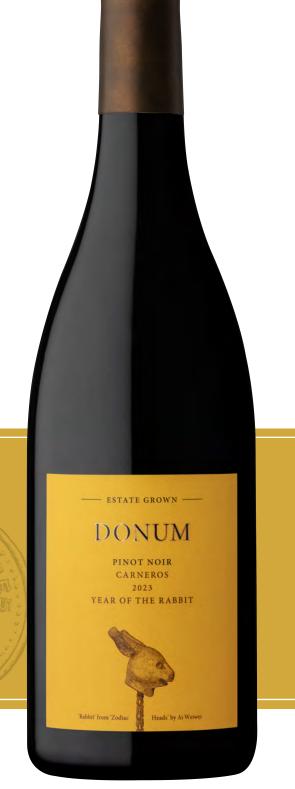
## CARNEROS PINOT NOIR

#### INTRODUCTION

The Carneros Pinot Noir is our flagship wine, produced every vintage since our inception in 2001. Sourced from vineyard blocks across our Estate, this wine is meticulously crafted using only barrels that meet our rigorous quality standards. The grapes are organically grown, and fermentation relies on native yeast from the Estate. Each block is harvested and fermented separately, then aged for 16 months in French oak. In the final month, we select the best barrels to capture the terroir of our Estate and Carneros region to create the final blend.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2023 Carneros Pinot Noir is medium to deep ruby in color, with a signature Carneros aroma of sassafras, complemented by notes of raspberry, five-spice and black cherry. The palate is lush and vibrant, with juicy red and black fruit layered with hints of toasted oak and black sesame paste. The finish is long and refined, with lingering cherry flavors and exceptional balance. Drink from 2025-2030.



#### **FRUIT**

38% Pommard, 25% 667, 9% Swan, 14% Calera, 6% Mt. Eden, 5% Martini, 3% Donum

#### HARVEST DATE

September 9 — October 4, 2023

#### ESTATE BOTTLED

February 10, 2025

#### CASES PRODUCED

968 cases

#### **AGING**

16 months in 61% new French oak



# CARNEROS PINOT NOIR EAST SLOPE

#### INTRODUCTION

After a hiatus from 2014-2018, we are pleased to welcome back a winemaker favorite—the East Slope Pinot Noir—as a regular part of our portfolio. Sourced exclusively from the Calera clone planted on the eastern-facing slopes of our Carneros Estate, these hills receive direct sunlight in the morning but are shaded from the intense afternoon sun. This exposure results in a more delicate, nuanced expression of Pinot Noir, with a focus on depth and purity rather than power. The Calera clone lends its signature blue fruit profile, while our transition to regenerative farming has brought even greater depth and complexity to this classic Donum wine.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2023 East Slope is deep ruby in color, verging on purple. Aromas of blackberry, blueberry and plum dominate, layered with secondary notes of freshly split oak, sandalwood and a hint of black currant. The lush berry flavors continue on the palate, where the mouthfeel is a study in contrasts—seemingly weightless yet carrying impressive depth. The finish is long and persistent, with lingering notes of currant and plum. Drink from 2026-2033.







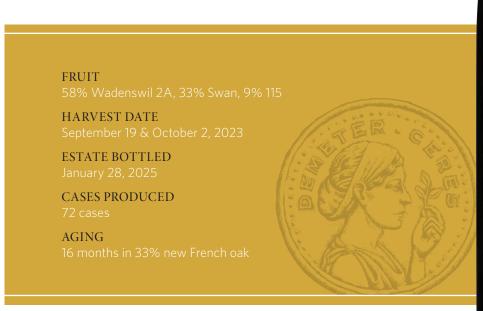
# 2023 SINGLE-VINEYARD RESERVE SAVOY VINEYARD PINOT NOIR HENDY KNOLL

#### INTRODUCTION

The addition of the highly esteemed Savoy vineyard—home to over 40 acres of established vines and a history of producing some of Anderson Valley's finest wines—has allowed us to introduce several new bottlings in 2023. While many focus on expressing the vineyard's unique terroir, we also chose to craft a wine that highlights whole-cluster fermentation. The base of the wine is sourced from a remarkable block of Wadenswil 2A clone, planted in 1992 on a knoll overlooking Hendy Woods State Park, with its towering stands of old-growth redwoods. Fermented with the clusters intact on their stems, the result is a savory, food-friendly Pinot Noir.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

Pale ruby in color, the inaugural Hendy Knoll Pinot Noir opens with aromas of strawberry compote, boysenberry and vanilla bean, complemented by Anderson Valley's signature Pennyroyal flower and a candied note from the stems. The palate reveals flavors of black cherry, leather and apple, unfolding into an intriguing finish of salted wild blueberries. The wine finishes with vibrant, pulsating energy. Drink from 2025-2032.







# RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR HERITAGE CLONES

#### INTRODUCTION

In 2015, we grafted a portion of our Winside Estate Vineyard to a variety of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay clones. Grafting allows us to introduce greater clonal diversity while preserving the established root systems, which provides depth and complexity typically associated with older vines. Among the selections was the Calera clone—a favorite from our Carneros Estate—and it quickly proved to be an exceptional match for our Winside Vineyard. Our Heritage Clones Pinot Noir is a blend of the finest barrels from this distinct block.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

Ruby to purple in hue with full saturation, the 2023 Heritage Clone opens with expressive aromas of blackberry, lilac, black currant and a hint of mint. On the palate, it reveals the Calera clone's hallmark character in a distinctly Russian River style—black cherry, cola and blueberry layered over slightly dusty tannins. Juicy dark fruit is balanced by vibrant acidity, with the tannins softening into a silky, refined finish. Drink from 2026 - 2032.







# 2023 SINGLE-VINEYARD

# **CARNEROS PINOT NOIR** HOME RANCH

#### INTRODUCTION

Our Home Ranch Pinot Noir celebrates the multifaceted character of the blocks that make up our Estate. Sourced from some of the warmer parcels of our Estate and selected from our most expressive barrels, our Home Ranch is the most full-bodied wine in our trio of Carneros Estate Pinot Noirs. Yet, despite all that richness, it remains beautifully balanced, thanks to its underlying tannic structure.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

Deep ruby, verging on purple in color, the 2023 Home Ranch Pinot Noir opens with aromas of dark berry, cedar, spice and plum. The palate reveals layers of raspberry and blackberry, with more pronounced notes of plum and cocoa. The finish is lush and mouth-coating, with intense berry flavors and just enough tannin to provide structure and grip. Drink from 2025-2031.



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PINOT NOIR HOME RANCH

2023 YEAR OF THE RABBIT



#### HARVEST DATE

# ESTATE BOTTLED

#### **CASES PRODUCED**

#### AGING





# CARNEROS PINOT NOIR HYPERSONIC

#### INTRODUCTION

When we replanted the southern part of our Estate in 2016, one block stood out due to its gentle slope and west-facing exposure. We chose to plant it with Mt. Eden clone of Pinot Noir—a selection similar to Calera, known for its smaller clusters and berries, but with a subtly different flavor profile. We've been very pleased with how this clone has performed that, in 2021, we bottled it as its own single-block reserve wine for the first time.

The name Hypersonic is inspired by two artworks on the property: Sonic Mountain by Doug Aitken, located just east of this block, and Hyperdrive, a musical composition by Yang Bao created for a live performance at our Estate, held just north of this block. The musical nature of both works speaks to the harmony and vibrancy captured in our Hypersonic Pinot Noir.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

Concentrated ruby in color, the 2023 Hypersonic Pinot Noir opens with an alluring nose of purple flowers, raspberry, black tea and rosehips. The palate opens with dark plum and blackberry flavors, evolving into layers of cherry, cinnamon and blood orange. Bright and intense, with round tannin and just enough grip. Drink from 2025-2033.







# CARNEROS PINOT NOIR MIKADO TREE

#### INTRODUCTION

The Mikado Tree Pinot Noir comes from a small block of Swan clone Pinot Noir in the southwestern part of The Donum Vineyard. This low-yielding clone is known for producing concentrated, intense wines with beautiful balance. The wine takes its name from *Mikado Tree*, a sculpture by Pascale Marthine Tayou, who was inspired by the children's game Pick-Up Sticks. Sourced from a younger block of vines, this wine captures the sculpture's playfulness and youthful energy.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

Deep ruby in color, the 2023 Mikado Tree Pinot Noir offers an extraordinarily complex nose of mulberry, plum, potpourri, sandalwood and black cherry. The palate opens with notes of cherry and berry notes, evolving into darker tones of graphite and blueberry. Floral and spicy accents add intrigue, while its balanced acidity and round texture provide structure and length.







# CARNEROS PINOT NOIR PEARL

#### INTRODUCTION

For the first time, we were able to produce more than a single barrel of Pearl, with two barrels crafted from the 2023 vintage. This wine comes from a small planting of Martini clone Pinot Noir, one of the few California Pinot clones dating back to the Pre-Prohibition Era. Fermentation takes place in a special, wooden egg-shaped vessel known as *The Perle*, custom-built by Quintessence Cooperage in Bordeaux. The result is a singular and expressive interpretation of Carneros Pinot Noir.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

Deep ruby in color, the 2023 Pearl offers dark, concentrated aromas of boysenberry, blackberry, black cherry and cracked pepper. The palate continues the theme, with intense dark fruit layered with notes of black pepper, vanilla and violets. The finish is richly textured, with lush tannins and a subtle, lingering spice. Drink from 2026-2032.

FRUIT
100% Martini
HARVEST DATE
September 19, 2023
ESTATE BOTTLED
January 28, 2025
CASES PRODUCED
47 cases
AGING
16 months in 100% new French oak



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# SAVOY VINEYARD PINOT NOIR PERRYGULCH

#### INTRODUCTION

The acquisition of Savoy Vineyard in 2023 marked a significant milestone for Donum. As one of the first vineyards in Anderson Valley planted with the explicit goal of producing world-class Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, Savoy retains many of its original plantings from the early 1990s. As we began to understand what makes this site so unique and special, one major factor stood out: its remarkable soil diversity, with four distinct soil types found across this relatively small ranch.

In the process of blending our Savoy Vineyard Pinot Noirs, it became apparent that each soil type contributed a unique expression. We found the results were better when wines from the different soil types were kept separate rather than blended together. The final 2023 blends reflect these distinctions, with the two predominant soil types featured individually. Perrygulch soil, located on the lower slopes, is loamy with higher clay content, yielding a darker, richer expression of Pinot Noir.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

The inaugural Perrygulch Pinot Noir is deep ruby in color, offering expressive aromas of black cherry, leather, violets and potpourri. The palate is bold and concentrated, revealing layers of blackberry, blueberry, pu'er tea and black currant. Lithe and well-structured, the wine finishes with energy and persistence, accented by a slightly prickly, spicy character. Drink from 2026-2032.



66% Calera, 22% Mt. Eden, 12% Swan

#### HARVEST DATE

September 19 & 22, 2023

#### ESTATE BOTTLED

February 10, 2025

#### **CASES PRODUCED**

207 cases

#### **AGING**

16 months in 65% new French oak







# SAVOY VINEYARD PINOT NOIR PINOLE

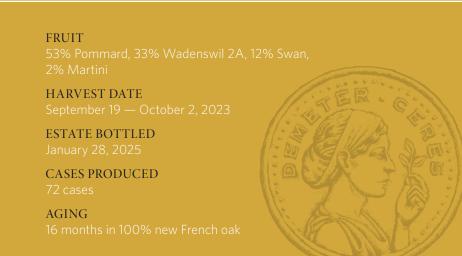
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#### WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2023 Pinole Pinot Noir exhibits a saturated ruby hue. Aromas of black cherry and vanilla open on the nose, unfolding into layers of plum and red currant. On the palate, notes of blueberry and cherry are complemented by hints of cinnamon and slate. This beguiling mix of red and black fruit carries through to the finish, which is bright and medium in weight, yet dense, supported by vibrant acidity. Drink from 2026-2034.







## 2023 SINGLE-VINEYARD

## RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR

#### INTRODUCTION

Winside Vineyard, our smallest Estate vineyard, is located in the heart of Russian River Valley AVA. Planted in 1997, the vineyard comprises 14 acres of Pinot Noir featuring a variety of clones. Our Russian River Valley Pinot Noir is crafted as a blend from across these blocks; each block is fermented separately in open-top stainless steel tanks, followed by secondary fermentation in French oak barrels. After 16 months of aging, the final blend is assembled from the most expressive barrels of each parcel.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2023 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir is dark ruby in color, offering classic aromas of black cherry, raspberry and cedar. The palate is vibrant and richly textured, revealing layers of blackberry, cherry, blueberry and dark chocolate, all woven together by subtle spice notes. Energetic and expressive, the wine finishes with a lingering impression of dark fruit and a lively, structured tension. Drink from 2025-2032.

- SINGLE-VINEYARD -

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PINOT NOIR
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

YEAR OF THE RABBIT

**FRUIT** 

41% Pommard, 34% 667, 20% Donum,

HARVEST DATE

September 23 — October 6, 2023

ESTATE BOTTLED

February 10, 2025

**CASES PRODUCED** 

776 cases

**AGING** 

16 months in 60% new French oak

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## RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY RESERVE PINOT NOIR

#### INTRODUCTION

Our Russian River Valley Reserve Pinot Noir is a selection of the finest barrels from our Winside Vineyard, planted in 1997. The different clonal blocks perform differently each vintage, depending on the climatic conditions of the season and the progression of each separate fermentation. For this reason, when the time comes to select the final blend for our Russian River Reserve, we maintain an open mind and allow the wine in barrel to determine the final blend. In 2023, this resulted in a Dijon 667 heavy blend, but with a significant contribution from the Pommard clone as well.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

Deep ruby in color, with aromas of raspberry, blackberry, toasted cedar and pomegranate. Juicy blue and black fruit lead the way on the palate, with a hint of graphite adding complexity and a splash of red fruit emerging at the mid-palate. The finish is electric, featuring concentrated purple fruit and layered spice notes. Drink from 2025-2031.







# RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR TEN OAKS

#### INTRODUCTION

First introduced in 2011, the Ten Oaks Pinot Noir showcases a more delicate side of our Russian River Valley vineyard. We harvest a portion of our Pommard clone block about two weeks earlier than the rest of the vineyard, when the acidity is high and the sugar is low. This approach yields a wine with great vibrancy and freshness. A portion of the fruit is fermented with whole clusters to add an herbal component to the wine's flavor profile.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

Medium to dark ruby in color, with a purple core, the nose opens with aromas of black cherry, blackberry, violets and white pepper. The palate reveals notes of black currant and blueberry, accented by a streak of iron. This wine is an amazing paradox—the fruit profile is dark, while the mouthfeel remains light, sitting high on the palate. The whole-cluster component adds grip, balancing and extending the sappy fruit. Drink from 2026-2033.







# 2023 SINGLE-VINEYARD CARNEROS PINOT NOIR TFV

#### INTRODUCTION

TFV (Thomas Ferguson Vineyard) was originally planted in 1974 and acquired by Donum in 2016, though we had worked with fruit from this vineyard since our first vintage in 2001. In need of a full replant when we acquired it, the vineyard began producing fruit again in 2021, allowing us to release our TFV Pinot Noir, a blend from multiple vineyard blocks. The rocky soils, rich in silica and rhyolite, impart a mineral, savory character unique within our Carneros portfolio.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

Medium ruby in color, with incredible saturation, the wine opens on the nose with a burst of graphite, followed by aromas of blackberry and plum. The palate is red-fruit driven, featuring tart cherry, raspberry, red plum, lingonberry and even a hint of melon. Focused yet supported by fully ripe tannins, the mouthfeel is balanced and harmonious. Drink from 2026-2033.

# - SINGLE-VINEYARD -DONUM PINOT NOIR TFV 2023 YEAR OF THE RABBIT

**FRUIT** 

37% Calera, 29% Pommard, 21% 667, 9%

HARVEST DATE

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ESTATE BOTTLED
February 10, 2025

**CASES PRODUCED** 

949 cases

AGING

16 months in 62% new French oak



# CARNEROS PINOT NOIR THOMAS

#### INTRODUCTION

Thomas Vineyard was originally planted in 1974 and acquired by Donum in 2016, though we had worked with fruit from this vineyard since our first vintage in 2001. In need of a full replant when we acquired it, the vineyard began producing fruit again in 2021, allowing us to re-release our Thomas Pinot Noir—originally released in 2008 to celebrate Thomas Ferguson's 100th birthday. This wine represents the best barrels from this ranch and demonstrates the importance of terroir, as it has a very different profile from our Carneros Pinot Noir, despite being sourced just a mile away. The rocky soils result in a savory, complex wine with great ageability.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2023 Thomas is deep ruby in color, with mulberry, currant, black cherry and cinnamon on the nose. Flavors of black currant and blackberry persist on the palate, complemented by strawberry and spice notes. Perfectly ripe fruit walks the tightrope between lush and structured, with beautifully integrated fruit and spice notes lingering on the finish. Drink from 2026-2033.







# 2023 SINGLE-VINEYARD

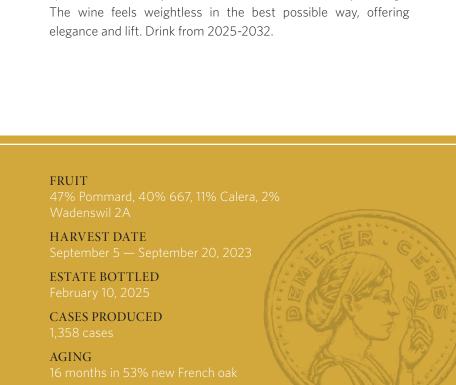
# CARNEROS PINOT NOIR THREE HILLS

#### INTRODUCTION

Our Estate is nestled in the rolling hills of Carneros, with three prominent hills that define the northern, eastern and southern edges of our property. Three Hills Pinot Noir pays tribute to this undulating landscape and is crafted from the vineyard's cooler, later ripening sections. The result is a wine that's slightly lighter and more ethereal than our Carneros Pinot Noir, while still delivering the depth and concentration typical of Donum. The blend is finalized just before bottling, following 16 months of aging in French oak barrels.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

Light to medium ruby in color, the 2023 Three Hills Pinot Noir opens with aromas of Bing cherry, dusty blackberry and a hint of bramble or sous bois. The palate showcases bright red and blue fruits, complemented by notes of spiced apple cider and blueberry compote. A lively finish brings lovely energy, accented by wood spice and fine, chalky tannins that will soften beautifully with age. The wine feels weightless in the best possible way, offering elegance and lift. Drink from 2025-2032.







# CARNEROS PINOT NOIR WEST SLOPE

#### INTRODUCTION

The West Slope Pinot Noir is sourced from the oldest vines on the Estate, planted in 1990. Positioned on a western-facing slope, this block benefits from the warm afternoon sun, producing a rich, ripe wine with depth and intensity. The Donum clone, known for its thicker skins, yields a structured wine with excellent aging potential. During fermentation, the cap is punched down to ensure full extraction. The wine then ages for 16 months in French oak barrels crafted from the coldest forests in France, where the wood's tight grain imparts subtlety and finesse. Just before bottling, the finest barrels from this block are selected for the final blend.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2023 West Slope is medium ruby in color, offering aromas of black cherry, huckleberry and subtle herbal notes. The palate is layered with juicy red cherry, wild blueberry and dark chocolate, while the finish reveals slightly rustic tannins and a touch of espresso bean. Though these older vines no longer produce the opulence of their youth, they now deliver a wine of remarkable nuance and complexity. Drink from 2026-2032.







# CARNEROS PINOT NOIR WHITE BARN

#### INTRODUCTION

First produced in 2016, White Barn comes from a block of Wadenswil clone Pinot Noir planted on a western-facing slope in front of the Donum Home. This late-ripening clone is harvested at lower sugar levels to highlight the red fruit, with whole bunches used during fermentation to add complexity and savory notes. White Barn demonstrates that a lighter-style Pinot Noir can still deliver the depth of flavor and intensity found in riper styles. For the first time in 2023, a portion of the blend comes from a block of Calera clone, located beside the other "white barn" on our property near our pond. We continue to use whole clusters, but the fruit is crushed by foot treading before fermentation, enhancing the wine's savory character.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

Light to medium ruby in color, with black fruit and citrus rind aromas, complemented by subtle notes of black tea and petrol. The palate is lighter in weight, with juicy red cherry and Santa Rosa plum, accented by a hint of five-spice. Bright and vibrant, with mineral undertones, the finish is savory and laced with lingering spice. Drink from 2026-2032.



