

## 2022 SINGLE BLOCK RESERVE

## CARNEROS PINOT NOIR WEST SLOPE

## INTRODUCTION

The West Slope Pinot Noir is sourced from our oldest vines at our Carneros Estate, planted in 1990, of Donum clone Pinot Noir. The western-facing slope of this block results in the vines being bathed in the afternoon sun, yielding a ripe wine with rich depth and complexity. The thicker skin of the Donum clone produces a well-structured wine built for aging. To fully extract the skins, the cap is punched down frequently during fermentation. The wine ages for 16 months in French oak barrels made from wood sourced from France's coldest forests, yielding extremely tight-grained oak. Just before bottling, we select the best barrels from this vineyard block for the West Slope bottling.

## WINEMAKER NOTES

Saturated ruby in color, with a remarkably complex nose, this wine opens with notes of raspberry, rhubarb, tobacco leaf and damp earth. The palate is sweet and savory, with notes of cherry, currant and maitake mushroom. Round and complex, the finish offers another pop of fruit with incredible length. Recommended drinking window: 2025-2031.

FRUIT
100% Donum

HARVEST DATE
September 2, 2022

ESTATE BOTTLED
February 26, 2024

CASES PRODUCED
256

AGING
16 months in 70% new French oak

