

DONUM

GIFT OF THE LAND

2023 COLLECTION SERIES 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.

FRUIT

100% Donum

HARVEST DATE

October 4, 2023

ESTATE BOTTLED

February 10, 2025

CASES PRODUCED

247 cases

AGING

16 months in 54% new French oak



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