

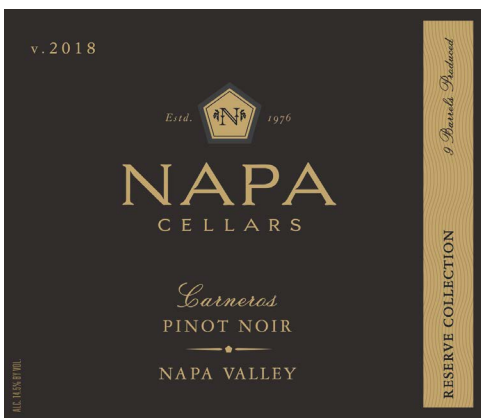
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# NAPA CELLARS

*Carneros*  
PINOT NOIR

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NAPA VALLEY

v. 2018



*Napa Cellars embodies the classic Napa Valley style—ripe, rich, balanced and collectible. At Napa Cellars we have the great fortune of sourcing the finest fruit from many of Napa Valley's renowned AVAs, assuring every vintage represents the very best of Napa Cellars. Our Reserve Collection wines are limited-production, sub-appellation wines from Napa Valley that pay tribute to the original five acres upon which our winery was founded in 1968. Each wine is 100% varietally true and captures the essence of each appellation from which it hails.*

#### VINEYARD

Grapes for the 2018 Reserve Collection Pinot Noir were sourced exclusively from premier vineyards in the southern part of Napa Valley, where the San Pablo Bay creates a cool, maritime climate. Morning fog rolls across the vines, ushering in the cool breezes ideal for growing delicate, flavorful Pinot Noir. The vines here produce complex, layered fruit that translates to an earthy minerality and exceptional natural acidity in the glass.

#### GROWING SEASON

The 2018 growing season started with a very mild spring, and the moderate seasonal weather continued for the rest of the growing season. Both bud break and flowering occurred a bit later than usual, but under very good conditions, which led to very good fruit set. Summer was mild, with ample sun during the day without any heat spikes throughout the season. The consistently cooler evenings helped extend the growing season. The longer hang time also helped increase varietal character and develop better color and tannin. Overall, it was an ideal growing season.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2018 Napa Cellars Reserve Pinot Noir boasts aromas of cherries, cola, cedar, and cloves. Flavors of red plum, raspberry, mocha, and caramel round out the wine. A rich, creamy mid-palate and soft, plush tannins with vibrant acidity elongate the fruit on finish.

APPELLATION: Carneros, Napa Valley  
COMPOSITION: 100% Pinot Noir  
AGING: 15 months, 100% French oak  
(36% new)  
ALCOHOL: 14.2%  
T.A.: 0.61 g / 100ml  
PH: 3.65  
HARVEST DATE: September 21, 2018  
RELEASE DATE: July 2020  
CASES: 500 6-packs



RESERVE COLLECTION  
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A TRUE NAPA VALLEY CLASSIC SINCE 1976