

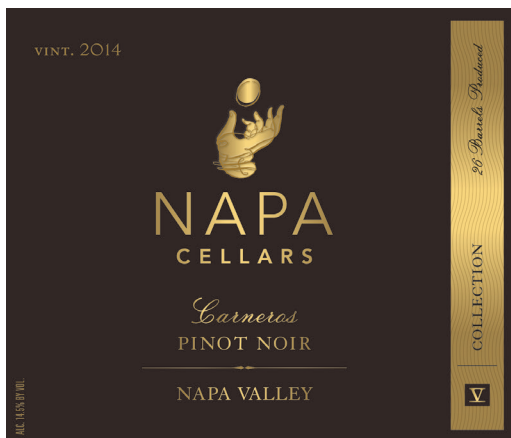


*Napa Cellars embodies the classic Napa Valley style – ripe, rich, balanced and collectible. At Napa Cellars we have the great fortune of sourcing the finest fruit from many of Napa Valley's renowned AVAs, assuring every vintage represents the very best of Napa Cellars. Our **V Collection** wines are limited-production, sub-appellation wines from the 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 the appellation from which it hails.*

*Carneros*  
PINOT NOIR

NAPA VALLEY

VINT. 2014



*Vineyards*

The grapes for our V Collection 2014 Pinot Noir came from the Moretti and Mueller vineyards in Carneros. Mueller Vineyard, nestled at the southern end of the appellation near the Sonoma border, is a flat vineyard with characteristics typical of the region: thin clay soils, frequent wind and significant cloud cover. Moretti Vineyard is on a mild slope with clay-loam soils. Both sites provide ideal conditions for a deliberate and controlled ripening period for Pinot Noir fruit, creating balanced, structured wines with intensity and complexity.

*Growing Season*

2014 was a remarkable vintage for all varieties across Napa Valley. Exposure to late fall rain was largely avoided, thanks to the region's earliest harvest on record. Although much of the fruit had already been picked by late August, a significant earthquake struck Napa on August 24, leaving growers and vintners with some unexpected twists during harvest season. Overall, the early harvest ensured optimal ripeness and excellent flavor development in the vineyard and great depth and complexity in the glass.

*Winemaker Notes*

“This Pinot Noir opens with red currant and plum aromas underscored by strawberry jam and boysenberry. With its viscous palate and medium-bodied tannins, this wine delivers decadent flavors of winter spice, mocha and caramel, framed by hints of tobacco and tea. This is a complex, yet food-friendly, wine.” – Joe Shirley

**APPELLATION:** CARNEROS

**COMPOSITION:** 100% PINOT NOIR

**COOPERAGE:** 17 MONTHS, 100% FRENCH OAK (36% NEW)

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%

**T.A.:** .52 G/L

**PH:** 3.69

**HARVEST DATES:** AUGUST 30 – SEPTEMBER 5, 2014

**RELEASE DATE:** AUGUST 2016

**CASES:** 1,200