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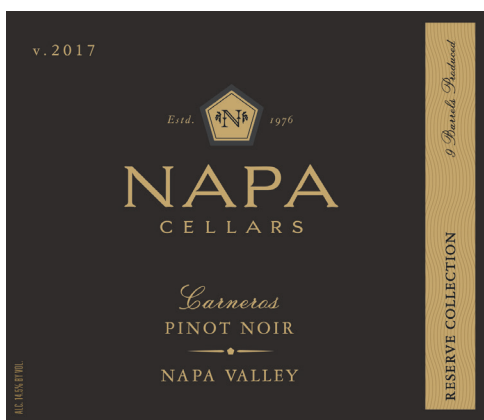
NAPA

CELLARS

Carneros
PINOT NOIR

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NAPA VALLEY

v. 2017



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

The grapes for our 2017 Reserve Collection 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

The 2017 growing season offered superlative growing conditions with abundant rain at the beginning of the year. Harvest brought lower yields with fruit of excellent quality. This Pinot Noir underwent a 7-12 day maceration period and was aged for 15 months in 33% new French oak.

WINEMAKER NOTES

“This Pinot Noir opens with aromas of ripe strawberry, blackberries, black cherry and rhubarb with cedar notes and a hint of mint. With its fruit forward, viscous palate, this wine showcases a soft entry and soft supple tannins, delivering flavors of Amarena cherries, strawberry jam, mocha and molasses. This well balanced wine is complex, yet food friendly.” – Joe Shirley

APPELLATION: Carneros, Napa Valley

COMPOSITION: 100% Pinot Noir

AGING: 15 months, 100% French oak
(44% new)

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

T.A.: 0.52 g / 100ml

PH: 3.72

HARVEST DATE: September 5–8, 2017

RELEASE DATE: April 2020

CASES: 900 6-packs



RESERVE COLLECTION

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A TRUE NAPA VALLEY CLASSIC SINCE 1976