

# 2016 ESTATE PINOT NOIR

## CARNEROS, NAPA VALLEY



<p><b>APPELLATION:</b></p> <p><b>COMPOSITION:</b></p> <p><b>FERMENTATION:</b></p> <p><b>AGING:</b></p> <p><b>ACID:</b></p> <p><b>pH:</b></p> <p><b>ALCOHOL:</b></p> <p><b>SOIL TYPE:</b></p> <p><b>AGE OF VINES:</b></p> <p><b>HARVESTED:</b></p>	<p>Carneros, Napa Valley</p> <p>100% Estate Pinot Noir</p> <p>Traditional stainless steel tanks with 3 pumpovers daily</p> <p>9 months in 45% new French oak</p> <p>4.77 g/L</p> <p>3.79</p> <p>14.5%</p> <p>Clay loams on fractured bedrock</p> <p>14-20 years</p> <p>September 8-14, 2016</p>
<p><b>WINEMAKER'S INSIGHT</b></p>	<p>Brilliant light red in color, this Pinot Noir has great clarity. Chocolate, raspberry, and fresh strawberry leap from the glass. The complex nose leads to bold flavors of red fruits, the most notable being bright cherry with a round flavor palate. With a rich mouthfeel, the 2016 Pinot Noir displays a long velvety finish.</p>
<p><b>HARVEST</b></p>	<p>The 2016 growing season started two to three weeks early and progressed perfectly through the ripening process. The lack of rain during flowering resulted in a plentiful crop and instead of having very warm temperatures over the summer, we had cooling patterns throughout the season that lengthened harvest. The longer growing season yielded high quality grapes with the last blocks arriving at the winery on October 14th which happened to be the first day we saw rain for the season.</p>
<p><b>HISTORY</b></p>	<p>Clos Du Val, French for “small vineyard estate of a small valley,” was founded in 1972 in the renowned Stags Leap District. The winery was first recognized for its Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon at the famed Judgment of Paris in 1976, establishing its place as one of Napa Valley’s most iconic winery estates. Still family-owned today, Clos Du Val farms 350 acres of estate vineyards in the Stags Leap District, Carneros and Yountville appellations and continues to craft wines of balance and complexity, showcasing the fruit from the outstanding terroir on which our estate lies.</p>