

Grapes
100% Pinot Noir

Region/Appellation
Carneros

Alcohol by volume
14.50%

Residual Sugar
0.8 g/l

pH
3.59

Total Acidity
6.2 g/l

Drinking Window
2024 - 2038

Tasting Guide
A B C D E
Light Medium Full

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The Famous Gate Pinot Noir

2018 6x75cl

Winemaker Notes

The 2018 Famous Gate Pinot Noir opens with enticing aromas of cherry, blackberry, violets and mandarin orange. On the palate, there is sweet boysenberry, enriched by layers of pomegranate, bergamot tea and star anise.

Vineyard

13 different clones are selected to demonstrate the best that Carneros can produce.

Winemaking

The fermentation process begins with a gentle de-stemming, followed by a cold soak for five days to extract colour and aromatics. The wine is aged in barrel for 16 months and the final blend is racked once before bottling without fining or filtration.

Vintage

The growing season combined interesting aspects of two recent vintages. As noted above the temperatures in 2018 tracked identically with 2011 but the vintages were markedly different due to flowering dates and cropload. The '18 cropload was similar to that in '12 on our ranches, and I think it was similar for the same reason – unchecked cell expansion after set due to prolonged cool weather. At the end of the day we were quite lucky that we had only one rain event the first days of October. This may have been a blessing for wineries as it gave them some breathing room to open up more tanks.

Food match

Grilled and Roasted Red Meats

A wonderful accompaniment to Christmas roast turkey or a beautiful cut of beef.

