

Grapes
100% Pinot Noir

Region/Appellation
Carneros

Alcohol by volume
14.5%

Residual Sugar
0.82 g/l

pH
3.6

Total Acidity
5.9 g/l

Drinking Window
2025 - 2034

Tasting Guide
A B C D E
Light Medium Full

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The Famous Gate Pinot Noir

2021 6x75cl

Winemaker Notes

The 2021 Famous Gate Pinot Noir opens with enticing aromas of rose petal, hot brick, and pomegranate. On the palate, there is sweet cranberry with a hint of tea leaves and saddle leather, and a creamy texture leading to the long, smooth finish. This wine sees extended aging of 16 months, which lends soft tannins and warm savory spice. While poised and delicious to drink now, the impeccable balance, bright acidity, and persistence of the palate provide evidence for graceful aging.

Vineyard

For the past thirty years, we have carefully cultivated three old-vine blocks of the historic Swan selection of Pinot Noir. Each small block is located at a different vineyard; two are in Napa, and one on the western Sonoma side of Carneros. In this wine, Swan takes center stage, with two supporting characters – “Hanzell” selection and “Dijon 115” to create the highest expression of our estate-grown Carneros terroir.

Winemaking

16 Months Barrel Aged in French oak, 45% new

Vintage

The 2021 growing season commenced with an early bud break followed by unseasonably cool spring and early summer temperatures, which helped preserve vineyard health as we entered a second year of drought conditions. Summer temperatures were moderated by the marine layer which allowed the grapes to mature slowly and consistently and resulted in a wonderful depth of flavour and concentration at harvest.

Food match

We recommend pairing this exquisite wine with equally interesting dishes such as Moroccan lamb tagine with orange and ras el hanout, beef bourguignon,

