



ABOUT THE VINEYARD...

The 2020 Carneros Pinot Noir comes from the Toyon Vineyard, located in the Napa side of Carneros. This vineyard was originally planted for us in 1998 with cuttings tracing back to the Swan estate in Sonoma County and Dijon 115 - followed by cuttings from Ed Penhoet's vineyard in Carmel Valley. Ed's selection from Carmel Valley's River Ranch is a story into itself (ask us sometime!), known as the "River Ranch Clone" and now proprietary since Ed went through the tedious process of registering the clone and cleaning it of all virus.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE...

The 2020 growing season saw California's drought ramp up in intensity. A very long dry season with moderate temperatures most of the way kept the vines from undo stress. It will also be known for the tragic wild fires that engulfed much of California and Oregon in multiple phases. The Toyon Farm was spared the effects of the fires fortunately. The wines produced from the vintage are both approachable and nicely balanced owing to the consistency of the growing season.

ABOUT THE WINE...

We separated the entire lot into one ton, open-top fermenters, employing traditional punch-downs by hand in order to achieve optimal extraction. About 5% of the fruit was fermented as whole clusters. The wine was aged in an array of French cooperage, nearly half new, and gently racked once prior to bottling. Grapes, must, and wines were moved using gravity through to the barrel and using inert gas through racking and bottling - promoting graceful aging.

458 cases produced.

TASTING NOTES...

Eminently drinkable at release, the 2020 possesses the easy going style of the vintage. The wine is broadly textured and showing early complexity with notes of tea, currants, orange spice and cocoa. Cherry and wild berry notes open with time in the glass and characteristic notes of anise. Subtle earth notes, sage and truffles add interest. It is concentrated on the palate, exhibiting the structure of the vintage. The wine finishes long and savory inviting the next sip.