



## ***2001 ZD Reserve Pinot Noir, Carneros***

*We enthusiastically present our first ZD Reserve Pinot Noir. This wine is a culmination of 33 years producing Pinot Noir from the Carneros region. In 1997 we planted 110-R rootstock at the de Leuze Family Vineyard in the Carneros region of Napa. The strong, deep roots allowed us to dry farm the vineyard for the last several years. The Hanzel clone, known for its propensity to produce small bunches of tiny berries, was hand selected from a local vineyard and field budded to the 110-R rootstock. Our organic farming techniques keep the soil healthy and the vines in beautiful balance. The result is a wine with impressive intensity and character.*

*The 2001 vintage started off with an early bud break and a severe frost in the spring. Our wind machines prevented significant damage and the season progressed favorably. The vines produced a moderate crop that we thinned to bring our yield to approximately 2 ½ tons to the acre. After an impressive fermentation that ran hot and fast, the wine went directly into French Oak barrels where it matured for 14 months. We bottled a total of 324 cases in January 2003 in our custom silk-screened bottle.*

*This 100% Pinot Noir owes its incredible depth of color to our low yielding vineyard and the punch down of the cap throughout the fermentation. The spicy complex aromas show hints of black cherries, cinnamon and an enticing richness. Similar flavors follow on the palate with intensity, complexity and a velvety softness.*

Vineyard:	de Leuze Family Carneros Estate	Harvest Sugar Level:	24.8 brix
Harvest Date:	September 4, 2001	Oak Aging:	14 months in French Oak
Clonal Selection:	Hanzel	Alcohol:	14.5%
Acreage:	4.2 acres	Case Production:	324 cases
Yield:	2.46 tons/acre	Release Date:	May 1, 2003

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