



2003 Pinot Noir, Carneros

Tasting Notes

“With its dark ruby color and intense nose of ripe black cherries and plums, this 2003 ZD Pinot Noir is an excellent example of what Carneros Pinot Noir has to offer. This wine is sourced from two vineyards, ZD’s own organically certified deLeuze Family Vineyard, and soon to be certified Haire Vineyard. We harvested our first crop from a new block of the esteemed Dijon 667 clone in the Haire Vineyard, known for producing intense, dark pinot noirs. The fruit was hand harvested on cool mornings in early September, gently crushed and destemmed and fermented in small open top fermentors. Hand punchdowns every six hours ensured a gentle extraction of color and tannins. The wine was aged in 100% French oak barrels for ten months. This wine exhibits aromas of black cherries, plum and spice, with well integrated vanilla, toast and a hint of clove. On the palate this wine really builds, offering layers of sweet briary cherry, cocoa, vanilla and plenty of silky smooth tannin. The fruit lingers through the surprisingly long finish. This wine is drinking beautifully now and will continue to develop complexity with age. Cheers!!”

-Chris Pisani, Winemaker

91 Points - Wine News June/July 2005

Gold Medal - San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition 2005

Double Gold Medal - Tasters Guild 2005

“Highly Recommended” - California Grapevine April/May 2005