



2005 Pinot Noir, Carneros

Tasting Notes

Produced from a blend of several small lots from two vineyards in the cool Carneros, this Pinot Noir shows our commitment to producing wines of distinct varietal character and balance. The primary clonal selections are Dijon 667 from Jim Haire's vineyard and the Swan clone from ZD's own organically certified deLeuze Family Vineyard. The fruit was harvested at optimal maturities and fermented in small open top fermentors. Hand punchdowns every six hours during fermentation ensure a gentle extraction of color and tannin. The wine then rests in 100% French oak barrels for ten months before being bottled in July. This wine is showing classic pinot character right now. Bright, forward black/sour cherry, plum and a hint of rhubarb. Subtle hints of vanilla, clove and spice slowly emerge in the glass. On the palate the wine is bursting with ripe cherries and strawberry, and it soon reveals a smooth, velvety texture with great acid/tannin balance. This wine is drinking great right now but will continue to develop complexity in the years to come. We hope you enjoy it!!!

-Chris Pisani, Winemaker

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