



# SAINTSBURY

## 2018 *Carneros Pinot Noir*

### *Tasting Notes*

Pretty but concentrated aromas of rose petal, dark cherries, cocoa, anise and cardamom. Sweet cherry and plum entry with a zesty mid palate reminiscent of baking spices, leading into an elegant, lingering finish.

### *Vineyards*

When sourcing Pinot Noir fruit, we seek those Carneros vineyards that offer diversity in both aspect and clonal selection. The result is a complex and vibrant Pinot Noir most reflective of the Carneros region.

**APPELLATION:** Carneros  
**CLONES:** Swan, Pommard, Dijon 115, 667 and 777  
**TERROIR:** Carneros is known for its loam and clay soils and a mixture of flat land and rolling hillsides, which has the reliable marine fog that rolls in every evening and burns off mid-morning.

### *Suggested Pairings*

The richness of this wine pairs well with meats such as lamb, duck, and stewed curries, as well as artisanal cheeses and wild mushrooms.



### *Vintage 2018*

A cold off-season with plentiful rainfall led into a warmer spring. Slightly delayed bud break led to a mild, slow-ripening summer with no major heat spikes, providing near-ideal ripening conditions through to harvest.

**HARVEST:** With little pressure due to weather, we were able to spread our harvest over a 30 day period.

### *Winemaking*

After night harvesting, the Pinot Noir fruit arrives at Saintsbury within the hour of its pick. The clusters are sorted and transferred directly into small, open-top fermentation tanks for a gentle punch down.

**AGING:** 8 months in 15% new French oak barrels.  
**ALCOHOL:** 13.5%  
**PRODUCTION:** 3,605 cases  
**RETAIL:** \$42

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