



SAINTSBURY

2016 TOYON FARM PINOT NOIR

VINEYARD

Originally founded as a Morgan Horse Farm, Toyon Farm took its namesake from a perennial shrub native to Carneros. Saintsbury's relationship with Toyon Farm formed right when the vines were planted. Today, we enjoy access to the grapes from this site that is located next to Hyde vineyard and about 500 meters from Brown Ranch.

Appellation: Carneros, Napa

Clones: 100% Dijon 115

Terroir: The "banana belt" of the Carneros AVA—warmer days and cool nights. Hillside vineyards facing the west that sit on a mix of volcanic soil and marine sedimentary clay loam; creating a wine of robust style with dark aromas.

VINTAGE 2016

An off season with more rainfall than recent years led us into a warm spring. A cool summer was followed by a mild finish to the growing season causing the final ripening to happen at a steady rate and the quality of the grapes to be very high.

Harvest Date: 9/8

WINEMAKING

After night harvesting, the fruit from Toyon Farm has a short distance to travel—a few miles down Old Sonoma Road to Saintsbury. From there, each block remains separate and receives gentle handling starting on the sorting table and to the open top fermenters for 5 day cold soak, 11 day total cuvaison. This is a site that requires gentle extraction regime for balanced tannins and bright acidity.

Aging: 11 months in 25% new French oak

Alcohol: 13.5%

Case Production: 262



TASTING NOTES

Notes of anise, violets, and black cherry on the nose blend with undertones of fresh plum, five spice, white pepper and briar on the palate.

Pairings: Duck confit, mushu pork, Roasted Ham with red pepper jelly.

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VINTAGE 2015

A warm Spring led to early bud break and bloom, while a cold May reduced fruit set and kept yields in check. Final ripening happened at a steady state and contributed to an early harvest with high fruit quality.

Harvest Date: August 20th

WINEMAKING

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Aging: 11 months in 22% new, 11% one year old, 67% neutral French oak

Alcohol: 13.5%

Case Production: 186

TASTING NOTES

Great level of acidity with notes of anise and violets on the nose and undertones of five spice, white pepper and briar on the palate.

Pairings: Duck confit, mushu pork, Roasted Ham with red pepper jelly.

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