



# SAINTSBURY

2019

## *Lee Vineyard Carneros Pinot Noir*

### *Tasting Notes*

Dark fruit, kola nut, and spice fill out the nose. Succulent black cherry and plum dominate on the palate with layers of cigar tobacco and cardamom. Great acidity and depth.

### *Vineyards*

Considered a quintessential Carneros AVA vineyard site, Lee Vineyard was planted in 1967 by Ira and Shirley Lee. Saintsbury's relationship with the Lee family formed in 1982 and that relationship was instrumental to the replanting of the vineyard, which took place in the 1990s and early 2000s with Dijon, Pommard and Swan clones.

**APPELLATION:** Carneros

**CLONES:** Swan, Pommard, Dijon 115

**TERROIR:** Haire clay loam soil; exposure to the Petaluma wind gap and San Pablo Bay airstreams, creating temperate growing conditions.



### *Vintage 2019*

At over 30 inches of rain, a wet winter led to a long, warm summer offset by foggy mornings, then a mild harvest. Exceptional fruit showcased with bright acidity and ample texture.

**HARVEST:** With little pressure due to weather, we spread our harvest from September 6 - October 11 th.

### *Winemaking*

After night harvesting, the fruit from the Lee Vineyard has a short distance to travel—a quarter mile down the road to Saintsbury . From there, each block remains separate and receives gentle handling from the sorting table to small open top fermenters for 5 day cold soak, 16 day total cuvaison. This is a site that requires cautious and gentle extraction regime for balanced tannins and bright acidity.

**AGING:** 11 months in 18% new French oak barrels.

**ALCOHOL:** 13.9%

**PRODUCTION:** 450 cases 750 ml  
50 cases of 375ml

**RETAIL:** \$72

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