



Annabella Carneros 2010 Pinot Noir

100% Carneros, AVA
100% Pinot Noir
Aged 11 months in French Oak

This classy Pinot Noir has a beautiful light garnet color. The aromas are ripe with expressive Bing and Rainier cherry notes and mingle with spice from clove and star anise. The palate is concentrated and ripe with a sweet and sappy core of fruit from the Pommard clone Pinot Noir. Extensive aging on French oak matured this wine with light handed oak influence, which backs up the fruit and allows the varietal character to show its best. The finish is long with ripe Montmorency cherry notes, light vanilla and sweet cherry/plum pit texture making it rustic and suggestive of the old world.

This wine comes from the Carneros district, widely known as one of the premiere AVA's for Pinot Noir and Chardonnay due to its very cool climate and optimal sunlight. It's also the only California AVA which shares counties with Napa and Sonoma. The basis for the shared territory underscores the importance of microclimate which in this case transcends county boundaries.

This wine pairs well with wild boar of New Zealand Lamb Chops with gremolata, couscous and heirloom tomatoes with extra virgin olive oil and aged balsamic. While drinkable now, this wine will age nicely through 2020.