



BLACK STALLION®

ESTATE WINERY

Located on the historic Silverado Trail in Napa Valley's Oak Knoll District, Black Stallion Estate Winery pays homage to the rich history of the 32-acre estate which was once home to the Silverado Equestrian Center. The property was purchased in 2010 by the Indelicato family, a fourth-generation family-owned company founded in 1924. Sourcing from the most prestigious vineyards, the winery is committed to making only the most expressive wines

VINTAGE

The 2024 growing season is described as both dynamic and rich in flavor. It was a textbook growing season, punctuated by an unusual number of heat events, yet thanks to abundant winter rainfall, the vines were well-positioned to thrive. The rain-saturated soils promoted healthy vegetative growth early in the season, resulting in a natural canopy that shielded the fruit through a warm, sun-soaked summer. Harvest began in mid-August and wrapped by mid-October, with a compressed picking window that required agility and coordination from vineyard and cellar teams alike. The result: wines of depth, vibrancy, and structure—showcasing tremendous color and layered flavor profiles.

VITICULTURE

Los Carneros is a unique appellation that contains vineyards in both Sonoma and Napa counties, along the San Pablo Bay. The proximity to the water makes Los Carneros one of the coolest in the area, allowing the Pinot Noir vines to gain vibrant acidity. This vintage is made from grapes from both the Sonoma and Napa sides. We match the best sites with the best clones suited to those sites, and as such, our Pinot Noir is a combination of choice clones sourced from premier vineyards throughout Los Carneros, providing a dynamic spectrum of characteristics and flavors for the final master blend. Clones from the vineyards include:

Swan: This heirloom clone named for Joseph Swan – produces small clusters of intense aromas and bright red fruit flavors.

Dijon 667: Tight, compact clusters offer deep color and layered tannin structure.

Martini: Brings extremely soft, ripe and sweet berry flavors.

WINEMAKING

Our winemaker closely monitored the grapes during the final stages of ripening, tasting them regularly to determine the ideal ripeness. The fruit was harvested in the cool early morning hours and harvested into small bins over several days at peak ripeness. Grapes were gently de-stemmed into small open-top fermenters for optimal color extraction, where they were inoculated with Burgundian yeast selections. A portion of the blend was fermented with 10% whole clusters, which amplified the spiciness and earthiness of the wine while adding a floral top note. At the end of primary fermentation, the free-run portions of wine went into French oak barrels (~30% new), while the remaining skins were gently pressed to extract more color. The vineyard lots were aged separately for the initial 8 months of aging, then blended just before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Rich aromas of black cherry, cola and a touch of brown sugar entice the senses, while the palate unfolds with luscious notes of plum, warm spice, and blackberry. A vibrant acidity enhances the wine's depth, leading to a long, elegant finish. Our Los Carneros Pinot Noir is perfect for sipping on its own or pairing beautifully with glazed duck breast, chicken Marsala, or creamy, delicate cheeses like Brie and Camembert.

VINTAGE: 2024 • APPELLATION: *Los Carneros*

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: *100% Pinot Noir*

FERMENTATION: *100% Malolactic Fermentation*

PH: 3.74g • TOTAL ACID: 0.50 g/100ml • ALCOHOL BY VOL: 14.5% RS: 0.052 g/100ml

2024 LOS CARNEROS

PINOT NOIR

