

2002 Pinot Noir Carneros "Las Amigas Vineyard"



**100% "Las Amigas Vineyard",
Carneros
Harvested at 25.2 Brix, on
September 11, 2002
14.3% Alcohol
0.50 TA / 3.82 PH
110 cases produced
Release Date: May 2005**

HARVEST NOTES. The growing season began with several vineyards experiencing frost in April. In late May unexpected rain caused a bit of loss, but at the same time it helped thin out the crop and give the vines a shot of moisture going into summer. In late September and early October, Napa experienced a few manageable heat spikes speeding harvest to a close. The 2002 vintage will be remembered by a long, mostly mild growing season that ended in a hectic, compressed harvest. The final result of the vintage is expressed through excellent, intense colors and flavor concentration. Yields averaged 2.6 tons/acre in 2002.

WINEMAKING NOTES: Destemmed pinot noir grapes plus 10% whole clusters were cold macerated for 96 hours in open-top tanks before fermentation on native yeasts. The must was punched down three times daily during 14 days of fermentation, then pressed and racked to the tank. The press fraction was not used for this wine to assure the highest quality possible. After settling out in the tank for 24 hours, the wine was inoculated for malolactic fermentation (MLF) and barreled down in 45% new French oak (François Freres, Sirugue, and Remond.). Following traditional Burgundian techniques that advocate minimal handling, the wine was neither filtered nor fined with only one racking before bottling on December 1, 2004.

TASTING NOTES: On the nose, one will find black cherry, cola, cedar and cardamon followed by smoky French oak and plum compote. Full bodied with a gorgeous mouth feel, layers of cherry cola, vanilla, black plum and oak spiciness roll across the palate. Drinkability: 2005-2014.

VINEYARD NOTES: The "Las Amigas Vineyard" located in the Carneros district of the Napa Valley was formally owned by the Martinis, and then sold to Andy Beckstoffer in 1992. The vineyard was planted with clone 113, which provides us with high quality, small berries, and low yields.

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