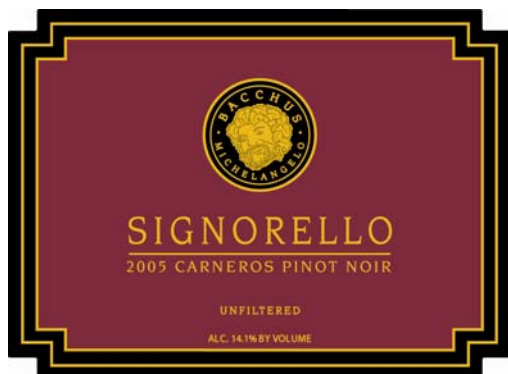


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VINEYARDS

## 2005 "HUDSON VINEYARD" PINOT NOIR CARNEROS



APPELLATION:	CARNEROS
BLEND:	100% PINOT NOIR
BRIX AT HARVEST:	25.6
TOTAL ACIDITY:	.60
PH:	3.78
HARVESTED:	SEPTEMBER 2007
ALCOHOL:	14.1%
TOTAL PRODUCTION:	70 CASES

**2005 HARVEST REPORT:** The front page of the Napa Register, in the middle of the 2005 harvest, wrote "Vintners call the 2005 wine grape harvest the second largest and one of the best vintages". Moderate weather conditions throughout the harvest season provided a slow and steady rate of maturation, which was confirmed by fully developed flavors tasted, and the ripe stems and seeds seen in the fruit as it came into the winery. These conditions produced good quality, coupled with rich color in the skins and good acidity, producing dark, flavored wines.

**WINEMAKING NOTES:** Destemmed Pinot Noir grapes were cold macerated for 72 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 Damy.) Following traditional Burgundian techniques that advocate minimal handling, the wine was neither filtered nor fined with only one racking before bottling on December 12, 2006.

**TASTING NOTES:** This Burgundy style Pinot Noir opens with hints of cherry and anise followed by smoky French Oak and berry flavors. This well balanced wine has a gorgeous mouth feel with layers of berries, vanilla, and oak spiciness that rolls across the palate. Enjoy with poultry or pasta. Drinkability: 2006-2015.

**VINEYARD NOTES:** The "Hudson Vineyard" located in the Carneros district of the Napa Valley.. This property is known throughout Napa Valley as producing some of the richest Pinot Noir in the area.

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