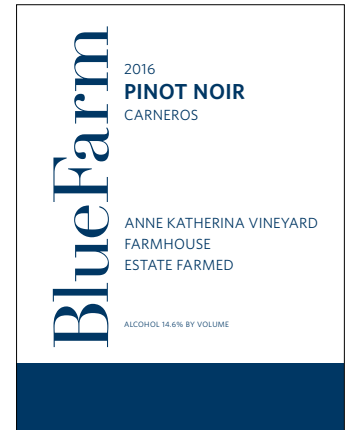


BlueFarm

2016 Pinot Noir, Anne Katherina Vineyard - Farmhouse Block, Carneros

Case Production: 92 SRP: \$95.00

Blue Farm takes its name from the farmhouse at Anne Moller-Racke's home and vineyard in Carneros. In 2001, Anne planted seven acres of Pinot Noir divided into three blocks dedicated to the Swan clone and three Dijon clones. In 2008, Anne grafted one of her favorite clones from the Donum vineyard onto the 777 portion of her vineyard with the goal to make a special bottling. 2016 is just the third vintage ever made, with 2013 being the first offering of this wine. It speaks of the Anne Katherina vineyard, with great structure and bold expression. The philosophy: site determines quality; clone offers personality. This clone adds finesse and layers to the structure the site offers.



Closest Town: Downtown Sonoma

Clone(s): Donum clone

AVA: Carneros

Rootstock: 101-14

Varietal: Pinot Noir

Soil Type: Gravelly clay loam

Planted: 2001

Aspect: Flat

Grafted: 2008

Row Orientation: East/West

The Vintage

The 2016 vintage was eerily reminiscent of 2014 and 2015. In fact, 2016 is almost an exact replica of 2014. Thus it was no surprise that bud-break was early for the third successive vintage. This naturally resulted in an earlier harvest, and we once again began picking Chardonnay in August, and finished by the third week of September. While 2016 was the last of five straight drought years, we did receive average or slightly above average rain during the winter of 2015/16, so the soils were saturated and water was not an issue, allowing for even vegetative growth. There was a little bit of rain throughout the spring, which refreshed the soils, but none in the critical late summer and early fall months that would impact picking decisions, and by the time rain arrived in mid-October all of our Pinot Noir and Chardonnay was already off the vines. – Anne Moller-Racke

Vintage: 2016

Type of Tank: Open top stainless steel

Harvest Date: September 21st

Barrel Program: 75% new French oak –
Cadus, Atellier & Remond

Harvest Brix: 27.8

Bottling Date: March 2018

Harvest pH: 3.87

Bottling % Alcohol: 14.6

Harvest TA: 4.1

Case Production: 92

Days in Tank: 21 days

SRP: \$95

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Founded on Anne Moller-Racke's 30-plus years of winegrowing in Sonoma, Blue Farm was conceptualized in 2001 during her planting of Anne Katherina, Blue Farm's first estate vineyard. Blue Farm believes that an intimate understanding and connection to our vineyards is core to making site-specific Chardonnay and Pinot Noir of the highest quality.

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