

# BlueFarm

## 2017 Pinot Noir, Anne Katherina Vineyard - Farmhouse Block, Carneros

**Case Production:** 101 / **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. 2017 is just the fourth 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.

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Closest Town: Downtown Sonoma

AVA: Carneros

Varietal: Pinot Noir

Planted: 2001

Grafted: 2008

Clone(s): Swan

Rootstock: 101-14

Soil Type: Gravely clay loam

Aspect: Flat

Row Orientation: East/West

### The Vintage

2017 will be a year that no one forgets for a long time. The defining features of the vintage were the tremendous rainfalls we experienced in the winter and, on October 8<sup>th</sup>, some of the worst fires in California history broke out in Napa and Sonoma counties. We had just completed harvest and none of our grapes were affected, though everyone's lives were. This was a sad ending to an otherwise good year.

A mild start to the year brought early bud break on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Flowering was also early, getting underway the first week in May, which pointed us to an early harvest. The summer growing was not without surprises as we had several heat spikes in June and July. August, however, was glorious with a beautiful cycle of cool marine air in the mornings to help modulate the temperature. We began harvesting on August 28<sup>th</sup> with our Chardonnay from Laceroni Vineyard in Russian River followed by 1861 a couple days later. The heat wave in early September pushed the Anne Katherina Vineyard along. The home vineyard was harvested on September 6<sup>th</sup>. King Ridge hung out a little longer, joining the team on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September.

Vintage: 2016

Harvest Date: September 6th

Harvest Brix: 26.3

Harvest pH: 3.89

Harvest TA: 5.5

Days in Tank: 21 days

Type of Tank: Open top stainless steel

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

Bottling Date: March 2019

Bottling % Alcohol: 14.8

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### Blue Farm

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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