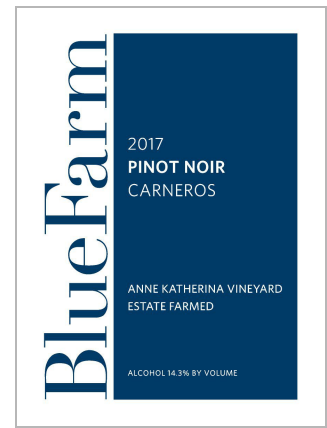


BlueFarm

2017 Pinot Noir, Anne Katherina Vineyard, Carneros

Case Production: 366 / **SRP:** \$65.00

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 two Dijon clones. The Dijon 115 contributes perfume and power; the Swan fills the wine's middle, adding body and textural layers, and the Dijon 667 lends structure. Together they produce one complete wine from the Anne Katherina Vineyard.



Closest Town: Downtown Sonoma

AVA: Carneros

Varietal: Pinot Noir

Planted: 2001

Clone(s): Swan, Dijon 115 & 667

Rootstock: 101-14

Soil Type: Gravelly 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 8th, 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 15th. 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 28th 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 6th. King Ridge hung out a little longer, joining the team on the 20th of September.

– Anne Moller-Racke

Vintage: 2017

Harvest Date: September 6th

Harvest Brix: 26.7

Harvest pH: 3.74

Harvest TA: 5.5

Days in Tank: 17

Type of Tank: Small open top stainless steel

Barrel Program: 70% New Atellier, Cadus, Remond, Francois Freres

Bottling Date: March 2019

Bottling % Alcohol: 14.5

Case Production: 366

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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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