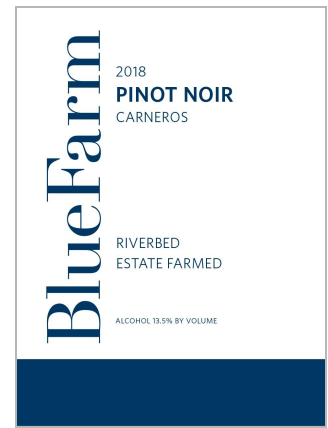


BlueFarm

2018 Pinot Noir, Anne Katherina Vineyard - Riverbed, Carneros

Case Production: 97 / **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 2017, Anne grafted one of her favorite clones, Calera, onto a 115 portion of her vineyard with the goal to make a special bottling. 2018 is the first vintage ever made. It speaks of the Anne Katherina Vineyard, with great structure and layered 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

AVA: Carneros

Varietal: Pinot Noir

Planted: 2001

Grafted: 2017

Clone(s): Calera

Rootstock: 101-14

Soil Type: Gravelly clay loam

Aspect: Flat

Row Orientation: East/West

The Vintage

2018 was one of our cooler vintages in the last decade, with extended ripening and slow flavor development. Comparing temperatures, 2018 never climbed over 95 degrees and reached the low 90's only 5 times. In 2017, we saw 10 days of temperatures above 95 degrees, and, to put that into greater context, we saw heat spikes like that only 19 times throughout the entire 1990s. When we talk about vintage, rainfall and temperature are the drivers that define the journey of flavor development and expression. As a grower, I try to adjust those variations by using tools such as canopy management, irrigation, and thinning. 2018 was an easy year, but on the heels of 2017, we had to be patient. Our harvest began 2 weeks later than 2017, starting with the Chardonnay from the Laceroni Vineyard and the Pinot Noir from our 1861 Vineyard. The Anne Katherina and King Ridge vineyards came in at the end of September. The wines showcase the moderate growing season with deep fruit flavors, layers and a delicious suppleness. I am in love with the 2018s. They come close to the perfect wine; sophisticated and nuanced. – Anne Moller-Racke

Vintage: 2018

Harvest Date: September 30th

Harvest Brix: 23.6

Harvest pH: 3.46

Harvest TA: 6.3

Days in Tank: 19 days

Type of Tank: Open top stainless steel

Barrel Program: 50% new French oak – Francois

Freres, Atelier

Bottling Date: March 2020

Bottling % Alcohol: 13.5

Case Production: 97

SRP: \$95

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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