

Mahoney

VINEYARDS

C A R N E R O S

2009 Mahoney Vineyards Carneros Pinot Noir

2009 Vintage Highlights

A late spring hot spell ended rather abruptly near the end of May when temperatures remained below normal through June and the first weeks of July. From mid. July until harvest, the temperatures were fairly mild, allowing the fruit on the vine to mature evenly. The quality of the fruit was exceptional throughout the Carneros region and most of the harvest was completed by the middle of September. Late vintage rains that arrived in October had no effect on our vineyards as the fruit had been harvested well in advance.

Wine Description

Comprised of the best of our 40 lots of Pinot Noir from the Mahoney Ranch and Las Brisas Vineyards, this wine showcases 7 distinct Pinot Noir clonal selections from diverse micro-climates and soils within our vineyards. The 2009 Carneros Pinot has a gorgeous dark ruby color and very typical Carneros aromas of cherry, raspberry, currants and spice abound. As you would expect from a Francis Mahoney Pinot Noir, the mouth has an ideal balance between fruit and acidity with a silky-smooth structure that lingers on the palate. This Pinot Noir perfectly compliments entrées of salmon, grilled poultry, pork, lamb or pasta, but it is equally enjoyable all by itself.

Blend: 100% Pinot Noir grown at the Mahoney Ranch & Las Brisas vineyards in the Carneros Appellation of Napa & Sonoma

Fruit at Harvest:

Picking Dates: Sept. 8-29, 2009
Brix (average): 25.2°
T.A.: 6.71 g/L
pH: 3.54

Fermented at: 80° - 90° F

Cellar Aging:

14 months in 60 gal. French oak

Finished Wine:

Alcohol: 13.85%
T.A.: 5.6 g/L
pH: 3.65

