



ABOUT THE VINEYARD...

Toyon Farm, owned by Ed and Camille Penhoet, is located on a southwest-facing slope on the eastern (Napa) side of the Carneros. The topsoil is dark rich clay, averaging just around 24 inches in depth. These soils promote a dark, brooding fruit, emphasizing texture and tannin. The Toyon designate is now entirely from a block of Pinot noir planted on the north slope of the vineyard. The cuttings are originally from a famous vineyard in Burgundy, via Ed Penhoet's River Ranch vineyard planted in the '70s. As the original source of the Pisoni vineyard – it also referred to as "Pisoni Clone" or River Ranch selection.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE...

We received much needed rain in the winter of 2015, which put us back on the road to having healthier levels of soil moisture. The 2016 vintage began early, much like the previous vintages, and the optimal growing season caused us to speculate that this would be a very early harvest as well. An unseasonably cool spell visited us mid-summer, slowing down growth. After this brief spell, very warm days followed by cool nights finished off the growing season, giving us a great balance of ripe fruit and mouthwatering acidity. While not as early as projected, our harvest still ended up wrapping up long before the rains of October came.

ABOUT THE WINE...

We separated the entire lot into 1 ton, open-top fermenters, employing traditional punch-downs by hand in order to achieve optimal extraction. About 5% of the fruit was fermented as whole clusters. The wine was aged in an array of French cooperage, nearly half new, and gently racked once prior to bottling. Grapes, must, and wines were moved using gravity through to the barrel and with a gentle push of inert gas through racking and bottling. 81 cases produced.

TASTING NOTES...

Our single vineyard designation from Carneros showcases the power and complex depth of Toyon Farm terroir. Greeted bright and well spiced, then melds effortlessly into a rich palate coating smoothness. The bouquet is filled with notes of dark berries and spiced herbs. The brooding palate, dominated by mouth-coating tannins and mid-palate flavors of mocha, raspberry, and crème brûlée, is balanced with a bright, palate-lifting acidity. It finishes round with chewy chocolaty tannins that accentuate a luxuriating finish that offers promise for greater things to come. This deep and balanced wine is structured to age gracefully for years, revealing ever-evolving velvety layers to explore and enjoy.

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