



#### **ABOUT THE VINEYARD...**

Our association with Toyon Farm has been a grand partnership dating back to 1998. The next generation has begun as Rob Bonavito has taken the reins of this exceptional vineyard. It 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 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 (and beginning in 2017 an Ancien vineyard designate). As the original source of the Pisoni vineyard – it also referred to as "Pisoni Clone" or River Ranch selection, which preceded it.

#### **ABOUT THE VINTAGE...**

The 2020 growing season saw California's drought ramp up in intensity. A very long dry season with moderate temperatures most of the way kept the vines from undo stress. It will also be known for the tragic wild fires that engulfed much of California and Oregon in multiple phases. The Toyon Farm was spared the effects of the fires fortunately.

#### **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. 85 cases produced.

#### **TASTING NOTES...**

Our single vineyard designate from Carneros showcases the power and complexity of Toyon Farm terroir. The 2020 vintage exhibits soft tannins in its youth making it quite approachable. The bouquet is filled with notes of dark berries and earth notes. Mouth-coating and textural, always its strong points with flavors of coffee, black cherry, and blackberry dominate the brooding palate.