



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...

The 2019 growing season provided the third year in a row of generous and well timed winter moisture. The result was very nice growth with well balanced vines free of excess stress. This is what we are always after, a happy vine dedicated to its fruit results in the most flavorful wine in general. We saw few heat spikes but adequate warmth in the season to produce ripe flavored fruit. We consider the 2019 vintage to be an exceptional one with all the makings of wines to be enjoyed at release as well as over the long term. If there was any downside, the crop was on the lower side of yield.

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. 90 cases produced.

TASTING NOTES...

Our single vineyard designation from Carneros showcases the power and deep complexity of Toyon Farm terroir. This vintage is quite approachable in its youth with a rich and textural mouthfeel. The bouquet is filled with notes of dark berries and earthy notes. Mouth-coating tannins and flavors of coffee, black cherry, and blackberry dominate the brooding palate. It finishes round with chewy chocolate tannins that accentuate a luxuriously long finish that offers promise for greater things to come. It drinks deliciously now, and if you can resist a little - years in the cellar will reveal ever-softening velvety layers to explore and enjoy.