

TRUCHARD VINEYARDS

(NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA)

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Truchard Vineyards was established in 1974, when Tony and Jo Ann Truchard came to the Carneros region of the Napa Valley and purchased a 20-acre parcel of land. Over the past 31 years the Truchard Estate Vineyard has grown to 400 acres, of which 270 acres are planted. The Truchards now sell grapes to more than 20 premiere Napa Valley wineries.

The Truchard Estate Vineyard is a series of hills and valleys, which contain a variety of soils: clay, shale, sandstone, volcanic rock and ash. The various combinations of terrain, geology, and marine-moderated temperatures provide unique winegrowing conditions.

In 1989, the Truchards began making wine for themselves using only their estate-grown fruit. An old barn on the property was converted into a winery; this barn became the symbol for Truchard Vineyards and adorns the top of the wine label. With the addition of a 10,500-square foot wine cave, the winery has become a beautiful, modern facility. The winery makes 11 different wines.

Pinot Noir 2020

CSPC# 715001

750mlx12

14.1% alc./vol.

Chemical Analysis	Acidity: 6.1 g/l	pH: 3.64	Residual Sugar: g/l
Grape Variety	100% Pinot Noir		
Winemaker	Sal De Ianni		
Vintage	In 2020, bud break was normal, but a cold, dry winter combined with unsettled spring weather affected berry set and led to below average yields. Moderate to warm conditions throughout summer allowed the light crop to easily ripen. The wines of 2020 are big, bold, and full of flavor.		
Vineyards	Seven separate clonal selections of Pinot Noir grow on the Truchard Estate Vineyard. Two "Martini" clones, the "Pommard" clone, the "Swan" clone and several new selections from France – Dijon 114, 115, 667, 777. Each selection provides a unique element of aromatic fruit, spice, and texture to the blend. The vines range from 23 - 45 years in age. They are planted in several select sites that take full advantage of the thin soils, rolling hills, and cooler temperatures, factors which combine to make the Carneros region ideal for producing Pinot Noir.		
Harvest	Aug. 23 – Sept. 12 • 24.3 °Brix • 3.52 pH • 6.9 g/L TA		
Vinification/ Maturation	All of the fruit was gently destemmed and crushed into open top fermenters with approximately 20% whole berries. Each lot was inoculated with Assmannhausen yeast, after "cold soaking" for up to 5 days. Fermentations were punched down three times daily with the temperature peaking at 92° F. After 7 - 12 days of maceration, the lots were pressed, settled in tanks for 24 hours, and then put into barrel. This wine was aged for 10 months in French oak (35% new) and bottled in August of 2021. It is ready for immediate drinking but will gracefully age for the next 12 - 15 years. Released January 1, 2022.		
Tasting Notes	Rich aromas of black cherry, ripe plum, and rhubarb with hints of pomegranate, tea, and earth. The mouth is silky with flavors of red currants, cranberry, and sweet vanilla. Firm acidity and delicate tannins focus the palate and provide a lingering finish of spice and red fruit.		
Serve with	This as an all-around, "drink anytime" kind of wine that would be as appropriate with roasted chicken as it would with grilled striploins or Asian-glazed salmon. Also try Roast or grilled pork, Grilled salmon with cherry balsamic glaze, or Wild mushroom and leek risotto with pecorino cheese.		
Production	2755 cases		
Scores/Awards	91 points - Wilfred Wong, Wine.com - April 2022		
Reviews	<i>"The 2020 Truchard Carneros Napa Valley Pinot Noir is fragrant and elegant on a nicely layered palate. This wine shines with aromas and flavors of red fruits, savory spices, and earth. Enjoy it with lightly seasoned lamb dishes."</i> - WW, Wine.com		

