



2016 Mahoney Vineyards Las Brisas Vineyard Pinot Noir

2016 Vintage Highlights

The mild winter gave the vines a jump start on their 2016 production. This early start to the growing season was slowed by the absence of prolonged high heat spells in the run up to harvest. At harvest, our estate Pinots were picked on average about a week and a half earlier than normal, and the fruit was in excellent condition.

Wine Description

There are generally two styles of Pinot that come from Carneros: fresh and fruit-forward or dense and structured. The cool breezes from the San Pablo Bay and the foggy summer mornings ensure that the Las Brisas Vineyard Pinots will mature at a leisurely pace. The Las Brisas Vineyard contains up to 15 clonal selections of Pinot Noir dispersed throughout the vineyard according to the soil types. The soils range from the alluvial "Haire" soil to more dark and densely packed Diablo soil. The Las Brisas Pinot Noir typically exhibits the softer, more fruit forward style of Carneros grown Pinot Noir, however in 2016, the wine was also deep and rich. With ripe red cherry fruit and spicy notes, complimented by a lovely, layered texture and a harmonious sense of balance and structure.

Blend: 100% Pinot Noir grown at the Las Brisas Vineyard in the Carneros Appellation of Sonoma

Fruit at Harvest:

Picking Dates:	Aug. 21 - Sept. 8, 2016
Brix (average):	26.65°
T.A.:	6.70 g/L
pH:	3.56

Fermented at: 80 - 90 ° F

Cellar Aging: 18 months in 60 gal.
French oak barrels

Finished Wine:

Alcohol:	14.27%
T.A.	5.6 g/L
pH:	3.66

