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## 2018 Stewart Ranch Pinot Noir

**Production:** 255 cases

**Composition:** 100% Pinot Noir

**Vineyards:** 100% Stewart Ranch

**Appellation:** Napa-Carneros

**Elevation:** Sea level

**Cooperage:** 60% new oak (20% Francois Freres, 20% Treuil Terroir, 20% Meyrieux)

**Alcohol:** 13.7%, TA 5.1, pH 3.78

**Bottling date:** August 28, 2019

**Release date:** February 2021

**Release price:** \$54.00

The Stewart Ranch vineyard in Carneros has a cool breezy climate that brings out the depth and finesse of the Pinot Noir grape. Planted with the 115 clone on 101-14, and utilizing a 5 x 8 spacing, Stewart is on a peninsula in the Estuary and keeps its leaves in a stoic manner most years so that the fruit can stay shaded in the middle of the day. We had solid winter rains especially in February, fairly late budbreak and flowering, and some mildew pressure. But basically, it was a lovely season – only moderate heat spikes and cool temperatures in the mornings.

### **Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:**

The 2018 Stewart Ranch Pinot Noir has youthful notes revealing elegant Francois Freres oak with clove and black cherry fruit covering a deeper forest floor. The palate is graceful and balanced with dancing black cherry and plum flavors. Moderate density and an effortless finish make this a classic Pinot Noir.