



HILL FAMILY
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2006 Stewart Vineyard Pinot Noir

Production: 444 cases

Composition: Pinot Noir 95%, Syrah 5%

Vineyards: 95% Stewart Vineyard, Carneros, 5% Clarke Vineyard, American Canyon

Cooperage: 14 months in 100% French Oak, 40% new Francois Freres, Remond, and Saury

Alcohol: 13.99% alc, 3.60 pH, 0.56 TA

The Stewart Vineyard in Carneros receives cool and breezy summer weather that helps create color, depth and finesse in the Pinot Noir grape. The vineyard is planted on gravelly clay loam soils that are surrounded by an estuary created by tidal activity in this lower stretch of the Napa River. The humidity is very high at this site, so careful attention to appropriate leaf removal around the grape clusters is important to enhance grape quality and to produce wines of their highest potential. The 2006 growing season offered very cool temperatures during August and September. These cool temperatures, as well as the idealic Carneros terroir, allowed the grapes a slow and extended ripening period, helping to create the power and finesse that make this 2006 Pinot Noir fun to drink.

Winemaker Alison Doran's Tasting notes:

Nose: a big ripe nose with spicy notes, some vanilla, and a savory roasted pork character

Palate: Big stand up palate on this wine with lots of black characteristics – black rose, black cherry, black licorice and even some molasses. Expansive in it's youth; however, will begin to mellow with age.