



HILL FAMILY
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2007 *Stewart Ranch* Pinot Noir

Production: 456 cases

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Vineyards: Stewart Ranch

Appellation: Carneros

Elevation: Sea level

Cooperage: 40% new French oak (Francois Freres and Saury), 60% neutral French oak

Alcohol: 14.3%, TA 0.58, pH 3.57

Release date: TBA

Release price: \$38.00/bottle

The 2007 Hill Family Estate Pinot Noir was picked fairly ripe to emphasize the black cherry and raspberry fruit typical of this vineyard. The Stewart Vineyard in Carneros has a cool breezy climate that brings out the depth and finesse of the Pinot Noir grape. Using the 115 clone on 101-14, and 5 x 8 spacing, *Stewart Ranch* is actually on a peninsula in the Estuary. It is typically a finicky Pinot vineyard, where close observation is useful to keep it performing up to its potential. 2007 was a cool year, with a few heat spikes that gave us plenty of time to get the power and interest that make this Pinot Noir fun to drink

Winemaker Alison Doran's Tasting notes:

The wine has a lovely and charming nose with roses and classic Pinot Noir black cherry and spice. Palate has the graceful blend of velvet and acidity, that give it a bright lovely cherry pie flavor and along fruity finish. Spicy oak notes help tie the whole palate together.