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Brown Ranch Pinot Noir

100% Pinot Noir

2018

After a winemaker's vintage in 2017 the 2018 growing season was idyllic. It delivered a consistent growing season, followed by a long, slow-paced harvest. The near picture-perfect growing season began in late February. Spring was mild, with extended flowering yielding uniform grape clusters. Temperatures remained steady and warm throughout the growing season, without any significant heat spikes, making for a cool, unhurried harvest.

Winemakers Notes



This wine is a combination of two clones, 337 and 115, harvested separately and blended together to showcase the unique characteristics of each. This is a serious Pinot Noir, showcasing delicate, feminine aromas of cherry blossom and rose petal, followed by a full palate of Bing cherry, black raspberry, strawberry, saffras, cherry cola, and mushrooms. The tannins and acidity balance the fresh fruit flavors, drawing them back along the palate to a long, lingering finish.

Enjoy now - 2028.

Vineyard Story



Originally planted in 1992, this property was revitalized in 2013 by renowned grape grower Oscar Renteria. This is a Pinot Noir vineyard with deep roots pushing through to a meticulously tended double guyot trellising system that yields fruit with powerful flavors and tremendous character. The 27 acre vineyard is south of the town of Napa in the rolling hills of the Carneros region. It features several different clones, all selected for their ability to excel in various soil conditions ranging from clay loam to limestone deposits.

Pairing Insights



Chef Derek Kuntz suggests pairing 2018 Brown Ranch Pinot Noir with Pork Empanadas with Roasted Apples and Strawberry Pico de Gallo.

Try pairing this Pinot with pork or duck dishes to accentuate the earthy flavors in the wine. Add in cherries or strawberries to explore the wines wild fruit profiles.