



STARMONT

WINERY AND VINEYARDS

2017 Carneros Rosé of Pinot Noir

From the time Starmont first appeared on a label in 1989, the name has been recognized for classically styled varietal wines that are expressive and approachable. Now, nearly 30 years later, led by Winemaker Jeff Crawford Starmont is producing some of their best wines ever as part of the Merryvale Family of Wines. Focused on sustainability and making the highest quality wines, the Stanly Ranch Estate Vineyard has been Napa Green Certified since 2007.

Winemaking

Various techniques were used for extracting juice this harvest: destemming and cold soak with about 4 hours skin contact (65% of blend); whole cluster pressing (20% of blend); and Saignée bleed from tank with no less than 2 hours skin contact (7% of blend). For 2017, we incorporated an additional technique: Foot-trodding in bin with 6 hours of cluster contact (about 8% of blend). The various lots were then combined in stainless steel tanks, kept separately by technique, and fermented slowly at a cool 52°F. The separate lots were then combined post fermentation. The combination of lots from each production technique allows deep and complex flavors to develop. The wine did not undergo malolactic fermentation. Enjoy this wine immediately upon release and for the next 2 to 3 years from vintage.

<i>AVA:</i>	<i>Carneros</i>
<i>Composition:</i>	<i>100% Pinot Noir</i>
<i>Vineyards:</i>	<i>Stanly Ranch, Corrotto, Huichica Hills, DeSoto</i>
<i>Alcohol:</i>	<i>12%</i>
<i>TA:</i>	<i>5.99 g/L</i>
<i>pH:</i>	<i>3.30</i>

Wine Notes

By using four different techniques to extract color and flavor, Winemaker Jeff Crawford has crafted a wine that is crisp and light, showcasing the complex aromas and flavors of Carneros Pinot Noir. Pale salmon/pink in color, this delightfully refreshing wine is full of vibrant acidity and delicious fruit flavors (strawberry, watermelon, citrus).