



# STARMONT

WINERY AND VINEYARDS

## 2018 Pinot Noir Brown Ranch

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 the Schlatter Family and Winemaker Jeff Crawford, Starmont is producing some of their best wines ever as part of the Merryvale Family of Wines.

### Winemaking

Hand harvested on September 19th, these grapes were carefully sorted in the field and at the winery. Fermented in an open top tank after a 4-day cold soak, the wine underwent a 6-day native fermentation with 4 days extended maceration. It was racked twice and spent 9 months on primary lees and another 9 months on light lees. This wine was aged in 100% French oak barrels, 40% new. Careful attention is taken to match oak and toast to the vineyard and wine traits—restrained to push the fruit’s character forward and respect the vineyard site. Comprised entirely of Pommard Clone, just 114 cases were produced. The wine was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

### Wine Notes

The Brown Ranch Pinot Noir is a rich, concentrated Pinot Noir, exuding blackberry, mission fig and black cherry fruits on the nose while being grounded with notes of bramble and white pepper. On the palate the wine enters round and weighty while the sweet, generous tannins provide length to the wine adding gravitas. Characteristic of the Brown Ranch Pinot Noir, these tannins and weight will help this wine age gracefully for the next 7+ years.

<i>AVA:</i>	<i>Brown Ranch, Block G1, Carneros</i>
<i>Composition:</i>	<i>100% Pinot Noir</i>
<i>Alcohol:</i>	<i>14.3% by volume</i>
<i>TA:</i>	<i>4.59 g/L</i>
<i>pH:</i>	<i>3.9</i>
<i>Production:</i>	<i>114 cases</i>