



STARMONT

WINERY AND VINEYARDS

2018 Pinot Noir Lee Vineyard

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

Harvested on September 17th from Block H of Lee Vineyard in Carneros, the grapes were 100% destemmed into an open-top fermenter and 30% whole-cluster fermented in oak puncheon. After a 3-day cold soak, the fruit was fermented with native yeasts for 9-13 days with twice daily punchdowns and no extended maceration before pressing, for a total of 12-16 days on the skins. Racked once after 10 months then back down to barrel for aging until a final racking to tank for bottling. The wine spent 18 months in 100% French oak barrels (20% new), and was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

Wine Notes

This wine is made from one particular block of the Lee Vineyard which is planted to the Swan Clone. This clone came from cuttings from Joseph Swan's vineyard in the Russian River Valley. The original material is believed to have been suitcase cuttings from Domaine de la Romanee-Conti. This wine tends to be the lightest and most feminine of the line-up, evoking Burgundian thoughts. Subtle notes of rose water and lavender complement hints of cranberry and strawberry on the nose. On the palate the wine is fresh and vibrant with a crisp mid-palate that flows into a lingering finish.

<i>AVA:</i>	<i>Lee Vineyard, Carneros</i>
<i>Composition:</i>	<i>100% Pinot Noir</i>
<i>Alcohol:</i>	<i>13.9% by volume</i>
<i>TA:</i>	<i>5.7 g/L</i>
<i>pH:</i>	<i>3.77</i>
<i>Production:</i>	<i>122 cases</i>