

2023 Elizabeth Pinot Noir

Carneros | Napa Valley



The Wine

Our Carneros Elizabeth Pinot Noir pays tribute to Winemaker Michael Baldacci's grandmother, Elizabeth "Betty" Baldacci, a woman of remarkable strength, resilience, and enduring spirit. This wine is a richer, more serious expression of Pinot Noir, crafted to honor her lasting legacy. We focus on three Pinot Noir clones—777, Calera, and Pommard—to achieve a balance of vibrant acidity, concentrated fruit, and refined tannins. Our signature darker color profile reflects meticulous winemaking techniques, including a 3-day cold soak and daily gentle punch-downs. With four unique rootstock and clone combinations from our Carneros property, each block is harvested separately, allowing for a final blend that highlights the full potential of this vineyard.

The 2023 Growing Season

The 2023 vintage is being celebrated as the "vintage of a lifetime." Napa Valley experienced one of its longest growing seasons in over a decade, with mild, consistent weather and above-average yields. The cool, steady temperatures of the summer allowed slow ripening, which enhanced both freshness and depth of flavor. The 2023 vintage is defined by its purity, elegance, and exceptional quality.

Tasting Notes

Aromas of ripe black cherry, raspberry, and wild strawberry are complemented by hints of rose petals, clove, and a touch of earthy forest floor. The palate is lush and layered, with flavors of red plum, cranberry, and baking spices, supported by subtle, velvety tannins and lively acidity.

-Michael Baldacci, Winemaker

Varietal Composition	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation	Carneros, Napa Valley
Vineyard	Honey B
Harvest Date	October 2 - 24, 2023
Cooperage	Aged for 11 months in 55% new French oak barrels
Bottling Date	August 27, 2024
Alcohol	14.5%
TA	6.2 g/L
pH	3.63
Residual Sugar	0.0 g/L
Production	645 cases (12 x 750ml)
Aromas & Flavors	Black cherry, raspberry, plum, rose petals, baking spices, forest floor
Allocation	Public

Los Carneros Honey B Vineyard

Vineyard Statistics

Acres: 23 total acres, 21 vine acres

Baldacci Owned: Yes

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Appellation: Los Carneros, Napa Valley

Climate: Cool, with prevailing marine winds from the San Pablo Bay and through the Petaluma Gap to the west.

High temperatures during summer rarely exceed 80°F with less diurnal range.

Elevation: Sea level to 700 feet

Rainfall: Lowest in Napa Valley: up to 24 inches annually.

Soils: Clay dominated, very shallow in general, with more loam and hillside alluvials in the northern section. Yields typically are restrained by the hard clay pan subsoil, which prevents deep-rooting.

Vineyard Blocks: 12

Clones: 15, 17, 26.1, 45, 48, 169, 383, 470, 777, 809, Calera, Pommard, Robert Young, Swan, Wente

Varieties: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Gewürztraminer

