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## 2005 Pinot Noir

Production: 384 cases

Composition: 96% Pinot Noir and 4% Syrah

Vineyards: Stewart Ranch and Clarke Vineyard

Appellation: Carneros

Elevation: 4-12 ft. above sea level

Vine Age: 10 years

Cooperage: 16 months in French oak (Francois Freres and Remond barrels)

Alcohol: 14.8%, TA 0.55, pH 3.75

### Vineyard and Growing Year

2005 was one of the coolest years on record. A late rain and cool summer with fog set many vineyards up for both rot and cool climate flavors. Even into the fall and all the way through November when the rains started, there was no real hot weather. For Pinot Noir, this meant careful sorting, thinning, and leaf pulling to make the wine as successful as possible. Stewart Ranch is a vineyard in Carneros on the eastern edge, actually jutting out into the estuary. With water all around it, the temperatures are moderate with breezy afternoons.

### Winemaker Alison Doran's Tasting notes:

**Aroma:** Lovely spicy and deep, with a true Pinot Noir varietal red rose and pie cherry.

**Palate:** Round and ripe, yet delicately textured, with deep plum and even apricot flavors, becoming earthy and jammy in the mid palate. The wine finishes with a long silky red berry flavor