## 2022 Pinot Noir, Anne Katherina Vineyard - Farmhouse, Carneros

Case Production: 97 / SRP: \$95.00

Blue Farm takes its name from the farmhouse at Anne Moller-Racke's home and vineyard in Carneros. In 2001, Anne planted seven acres of Pinot Noir divided into three blocks dedicated to the Swan clone and three Dijon clones. In 2008, Anne grafted one of her favorite clones from the Donum vineyard onto the 777 portion of her vineyard with the goal to make a special bottling. It speaks of the Anne Katherina vineyard, with great structure and bold expression. The philosophy: site determines



quality; clone offers personality. This clone adds finesse and layers to the structure the site offers.

Closest Town: Downtown Sonoma Clone(s): Donum Selection

AVA: Carneros Rootstock: 101-14

Varietal: Pinot Noir Soil Type: Gravelly clay loam

Planted: 2001 Aspect: Flat

Grafted: 2008 Row Orientation: East/West

## **The Vintage**

Heavy rains in early November surprised us, but in hindsight, they were a blessing because they filled our reservoirs. Spring ushered in a long frost season, which lingered into mid-May. A cool summer allowed for an even development of the fruit. By early August, veraison pointed to a mid-September harvest, but Labor Day resulted in an extended heat spike, pushing harvest forward a week. By September 13th all of our fruit was picked. The 2022 wines are showing great freshness and acidity. Bright red fruit with delicious tannins frame the wine. These last vintages have taught us to be flexible and responsive to the season, rather than follow a set style. The 2022 wines are light on their feet, mirroring their Old World siblings.

Vintage: 2022

Harvest Date: September 13th

Harvest Brix: 24.6

Harvest pH: 3.6 Harvest TA: 5.6

Days in Tank: 19 days

Type of Tank: Small Open Top Stainless Steel

Barrel Program: 75% New French Oak - Cadus,

Francois Freres

Bottling Date: March 15, 2024 Bottling % Alcohol: 14.1%

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## Rlue Farm

Founded on Anne Moller-Racke's 40-plus years of winegrowing in Sonoma, Blue Farm was conceptualized in 2001 during her planting of Anne Katherina, Blue Farm's first estate vineyard. Blue Farm believes that an intimate understanding and connection to our vineyards is core to making site-specific Chardonnay and Pinot Noir of the highest quality.

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