



HARTFORD
COURT

SEVENS BENCH VINEYARD

CARNEROS • PINOT NOIR

2008

VINEYARD CHARACTER

The 2008 Sevens Bench Vineyard Pinot Noir is our eighth release from our estate, Carneros AVA vineyard. Low yields, high-density spacing and intensive farming are all essential elements in crafting this evocative wine. Our Sevens Bench Vineyard is a small vineyard block on Duhig Road in Napa-Carneros and is very close to Saintsbury's Brown Ranch and Shafer's Red Shoulder Ranch. The name Sevens Bench is derived from the two predominate clones, Dijon 667 and Dijon 777, planted at the vineyard. These Dijon clones produce a wine with intense fruit aromas, an expansive mid-palate, and fine-grain tannins.

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of black plum and cedar are interwoven with flavors of grenadine, red cherries and soy in this amazingly complex and elegant Pinot Noir. Wonderfully lush in the mouth and framed by sweet, generous tannins, this is a wine of astounding concentration and depth and should continue to improve in bottle for 6 to 8 years.

WINE STATISTICS

Oak: 100% French oak, 60% new

Time in oak: 15 months

Alcohol: 14.3%

TA: 5.3 g/L

pH: 3.75

Yeast: Native and cultured

Cases produced: 300

No fining or filtration



HISTORIC ACCLAIM

2008: **"Outstanding"** 91+/100, *Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar*

2007: **"Outstanding"** 94 /100, *The Wine Enthusiast*

2007: **"Highly Recommended,"** *The San Francisco Chronicle*

2005: **"Outstanding"** 91/100, *Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate*

2002: **"Outstanding"** 94/100, *Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate*

2002: **"Outstanding"** 91/100, *Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar*

2001: **Four out of Five Stars,** *Ronn Wiegand's Restaurant Wines*

2000: **"Outstanding"** 92 /100, *The Wine Enthusiast*

1999: **"Outstanding"** 92 /100, *Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate*