



HARTFORD
COURT

SEVENS BENCH VINEYARD

CARNEROS • PINOT NOIR

2015

VINEYARD CHARACTER

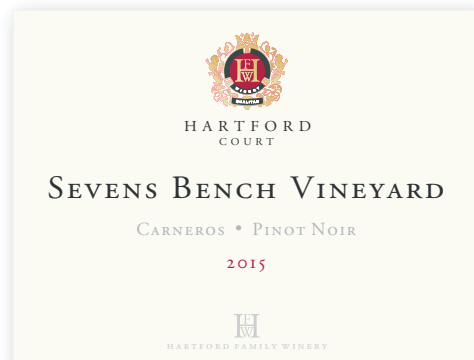
Intensive farming and low yields are the foundations of our Carneros offering. The vineyard is on a ridge at 200 foot elevation, part of an uplifted riverbed that allows good drainage in the traditional clay-based soils of the region. The name Sevens Bench is derived from the two clones planted on our block: Clones 37 (Mount Eden) and Dijon 777.

TASTING NOTES

True to its Carneros roots, the 2015 Sevens Bench Pinot Noir carries the hallmark of the region – fruit intensity balanced by an earthy and savory side. The aromas open with black cherry and boysenberry and lead into subtle truffle and spice characters. The flavors are reminiscent of black cherry and Asian spice, with a subtle black tea and spice component driven by a small amount of whole-cluster fermentation. The wine finishes with a juiciness and elegant tannins in the finish.

WINE STATISTICS

Oak: 100% French oak, 35% new
Time in oak: 17 months
Alcohol: 14.7%
TA: 5.6 g/L
pH: 3.75
Yeast: Native
Cases produced: 289
No fining or filtration



HISTORIC ACCLAIM

2015	91 points	<i>California Grapevine</i> , February 2018
2014	90 points	<i>California Grapevine</i> , July 2017
2012	“Outstanding” 91 points	Stephen Tanzer, <i>International Wine Cellar</i> , May 2014
2009	“Outstanding” 90 points	Robert Parker’s <i>The Wine Advocate</i> , December 2011
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2008	“Outstanding” 91 points	Stephen Tanzer, <i>International Wine Cellar</i> , May 2010
2007	“Outstanding” 94 points	<i>The Wine Enthusiast</i>
2005	“Outstanding” 91 points	Robert Parker’s <i>The Wine Advocate</i> , December 2007
2002	“Outstanding” 94 points	Robert Parker’s <i>The Wine Advocate</i> , February 2005
2002	“Outstanding” 91 points	Stephen Tanzer, <i>International Wine Cellar</i> , May 2004