



HARTFORD
COURT

SEVENS BENCH VINEYARD

CARNEROS • PINOT NOIR

2018

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 which 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. We also blend in the Swan Selection Pinot noir for complexity.

TASTING NOTES

True to its Carneros roots, the 2018 Sevens Bench Pinot Noir carries the hallmark of the region-fruit intensity balanced by an earthy and savory side. The aromas open with blackberry and boysenberry, and lead into subtle truffle and spice characters. The flavors are reminiscent of black cherry and Asian spice; a subtle black tea component is driven by a small amount of whole-cluster fermentation. The wine finishes with a juiciness and elegant tannin.

WINE STATISTICS

Oak: 100% French oak, 37% new
Time in oak: 17 months
Alcohol: 14.8%
TA: 5.5 g/L
pH: 3.73
Yeast: Native
Cases produced: 170
No fining or filtration



HISTORIC ACCLAIM

2018	94 points	J.D., <i>JebDunnuck.com</i> , July 2021
2018	92 points	L.P.-B., Robert Parker's <i>The Wine Advocate</i> , January 2021
2017	94+ points	J.D., <i>JebDunnuck.com</i> , May 2020
2017	93 points	V.B., <i>Wine Enthusiast</i> , July 2020
2017	91 points	A.G., <i>Vinous</i> , April 2020
2017	92 points	L.P.-B., Robert Parker's <i>The Wine Advocate</i> , February 2020
2015	91 points	<i>California Grapevine</i> , February 2018
2014	90 points	<i>California Grapevine</i> , July 2017
2012	91 points	Stephen Tanzer, <i>International Wine Cellar</i> , May 2014
2009	90 points	Robert Parker's <i>The Wine Advocate</i> , December 2011
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2008	90 points	Robert Parker's <i>The Wine Advocate</i> , February 2011
2008	91 points	Stephen Tanzer, <i>International Wine Cellar</i> , May 2010
2007	94 points	S.H., <i>The Wine Enthusiast</i> , July 2009
2005	91 points	Robert Parker's <i>The Wine Advocate</i> , December 2007
2002	94 points	Robert Parker's <i>The Wine Advocate</i> , February 2005