

HARTFORD

SEVENS BENCH VINEYARD

CARNEROS • PINOT NOIR

2019

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 2019 Sevens Bench Pinot Noir carries the hallmark of the region-fruit intensity balanced by an earthy and savory side. The aromas open with raspberry 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, 13% new

16 months Time in oak: Alcohol: 14.2% TA: $5.8 \, g/L$ рН: 3.72 Native Yeast: Cases produced: 187

No fining or filtration

2014:

HISTORIC ACCLAIM

94 points J.D., JebDunnuck.com, July 2021 2018:

2018: 92 points L.P.-B., Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, January 2021

2017: 94+ points J.D., JebDunnuck.com, May 2020 93 points V.B., Wine Enthusiast, July 2020 2017:

91 points A.G., Vinous, April 2020 2017:

92 points L.P.-B., Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, February 2020 2017:

California Grapevine, February 2018 91 points 2015: 90 points California Grapevine, July 2017

S.T., International Wine Cellar, May 2014 91 points 2012:

90 points R.P. - Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, December 2011 2009:

S.T., International Wine Cellar, May 2011 90+ points 2009:

90 points R.P. - Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, February 2011 2008:

2008: 91 points S.T., International Wine Cellar, May 2010 S.H., The Wine Enthusiast, July 2009 94 points 2007:

91 points R.P. - Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, December 2007 2005: R.P. - Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, February 2005 94 points 2002:

