



# BLACK STALLION

ESTATE WINERY

Located on the historic Silverado Trail in Napa Valley's Oak Knoll District, Black Stallion Estate Winery pays homage to the rich history of the 32-acre estate which was once home to the Silverado Equestrian Center. The property was purchased in 2010 by the Indelicato family, a fourth-generation family-owned company founded in 1924. Sourcing from some of the most prestigious vineyards, the winery is committed to making only the most expressive wines.

## TASTING NOTES

Our 2021 Limited Release Los Carneros Pinot Noir exhibits vibrant aromas of cranberry, red plum, cherry, and almond blossom. Flavors of bright red cherry and raspberry intermingle on the palate. The Pinot Noir has lively acidity with smooth tannins and a long finish.

## GROWING SEASON

Despite an unusually dry winter and warm spring, the 2021 growing season produced exceptionally high-quality fruit, some of the best in recent years. Early precipitation led to an ideal environment for our grapes to flower, bloom, and set in early spring, but lack of rainfall for the rest of the season reduced yields. The even ripening in the summer months allowed for the grapes to develop bright, fresh, clean fruit flavors. This moderate weather and long ripening time was fantastic for developing smooth, flavorful, and exquisitely balanced wines. All in all, this was a remarkable year to taste the unique characteristics and terroir from around Napa Valley.

## VINEYARDS

Los Carneros is one of Napa Valley's coolest growing regions. The morning fog and afternoon winds, origination from the San Pablo Bay, help to create the cool climate influence in Los Carneros. Our Pinot Noir vineyards enjoy a long cool, growing season that allows for exceptional varietal expression to develop along with ripe fruit characteristics, fantastic balance, and finesse.

## WINEMAKING

The grapes were handpicked during the early morning hours to ensure that the concentrated fruit flavors were captured at the peak of ripeness. Upon arrival at the winery, we carefully sort the fruit before it is destemmed into small fermentation tanks. After a few days of cold soaking, the must is gently warmed, and yeast is added to initiate fermentation. Six percent of the fruit was made using the carbonic maceration method for light fruity expressions. Nine percent was fermented in cold temperatures in neutral oak puncheons using Chardonnay yeast for a more elegant expression of the varietal. The rest was fermented in closed top stainless steel fermenters, 40% of the blend was fermented on 10% whole clusters. Portions of the blend were aged in 30% new French oak for up to 6 months before being blended and prepared for bottling.

VINTAGE: 2021

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION: Los Carneros

BARREL AGING: Portions aged in 30% new French oak barrels for up to 6 months

MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION: 100%

RS: 0.07 g/100ml • PH: 3.40 g • TOTAL ACID: 0.65 g/100ml • ALCOHOL BY VOL: 14.5%



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### PINOT NOIR

