



ROBERT MONDAVI WINERY

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*Varietal composition:*

100% Pinot Noir

*Winemaker's notes:*

Sophisticated, serious and classic. Opens with fresh aromas of dark fruit—black cherry, blackberry and black plum—underscored by notes of earth and minerality. Similar flavors blossom in the mouth, backed by richly textured, firm tannins. A powerful wine with weight, presence and elegance.

*Wine analysis:*

Total acid: 0.695%  
Final pH: 3.39  
Residual sugar: 0.059% (dry)  
Alcohol: 15.6% by volume

• V I N T A G E •

The 2007 vintage was an excellent one for Pinot Noir. Responding to a cold, dry winter and scant spring rains (rainfall in northern California was 40%–50% lower than average in 2007), vine vigor was minimized from the outset and the vines didn't produce too much foliage. Spring temperatures were warm, and the growing season started out fast with early bloom and fruit set. Then the weather cooled and mild temperatures prevailed throughout summer and into August. Enjoying ideal conditions of sunny days and foggy evenings, the grapes ripened slowly and evenly. We began picking fruit for this Pinot Noir on September 6 and finished September 11. Because of the cold, dry winter, 2007 crop levels were slightly lower than usual, but thanks to the mild summer weather, quality was consistently excellent.

*Grapes: Harvested at 26.7° Brix (average) with 0.73% initial acid and 3.35 pH*

• V I N E Y A R D S •

*Appellation:*

Los Carneros AVA, Napa Valley

*Grape Sourcing:*

100% Los Carneros AVA  
Rancho Carneros Vineyard and Hyde Vineyard

• W I N E M A K I N G •

Hand-harvested in cool morning hours  
Whole-cluster fermentation in some lots for increased complexity  
Co-fermentation of Pinot Noir clones for layers of flavor  
Fermented in open-top stainless-steel fermentation tanks with specially selected yeast cultures  
26 days skin contact (maceration)  
Malolactic fermentation in 100% new French oak barrels  
Twelve months aging in 100% new French oak