



2001 Estate Pinot Noir – *Carrie's*
Small Lot Collection

434 cases produced, \$40/bottle

Release Date 12.01.02

production

Representing the ultimate expression of vineyard driven wines for Melville, this first time release originates from the highest, most wind swept parcel on our estate and is a block planted on clay-rich loam soil to only two Dijon clones: 114 and 115. The combination and juxtaposition of these elements forms a wine of complete elegance and definition that uniquely represents our estate. Cooperage was 40% new French oak and is the triumvirate of Marsannay, Mercurey and Sirugue. The wine was 25% whole-cluster fermented and was not pumped, fined or filtered. 15.1% alcohol.

tasting notes

This wine represents a departure from our Estate pinot noir in its density and amplitude. It is loaded with decadent dark fruits such as blackberry and blueberry and is layered with lifted floral tones of gardenia and honeysuckle. While this wine is monumentally proportioned in the mouth, it remains gracious and silky throughout its long finish.