



## 2003 Estate Pinot Noir – *Carrie's* *Small Lot Collection*

245 cases produced, \$46/bottle

Release Date 04.29.05

### **production**

Consisting of clones 114 and 115, Carrie's sits on the mesa overlooking the Terraces. With twelve inches of top soil and several feet of dense clay, the vines produce a deeply concentrated and focused pinot noir. Slightly less windy than its sister section Terraces, Carrie's extremity also comes from the gravitational pull on three sides forcing the roots to search for the limited amount of water and nutrients. 25% stem inclusion. Yields at 1 lb/plant. Total skin and stem contact averaged 30 days (7 day cold soak, 2+ weeks of fermentation and 1+ week extended maceration.) From the press, the wine was hand-bucketed 2 gallons at a time directly into barrel (30% new French oak: Sirugue, Marsannay and Mercurey), where it remained sur lie with no sulfur until the waning moon cycle of June, when it was gently pressure-racked for the first time and prepared for bottling in December. 14.7% alcohol.

### **tasting notes**

*Effusive red and blue fruits, dried herbs and nutmeg immediately explode from the glass. An intoxicating complexity of red currants, fig, hazelnut and tobacco also aromatically drive this wine. These characteristics are more generous and enhanced on the palate concluding with excellent complexity, balance and fortitude.*

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