

## 2015 Pinot Noir, Anne Katherina Vineyard, Carneros

Case Production: 245 SRP: \$65

Blue Farm takes its name from the farmhouse at Anne Moller-Racke's home and vineyard in Carneros. In 2001, Anne planted seven acres of pinot noir divided into three blocks dedicated to the Swan clone and three Dijon clones. The Dijon 115 contributes perfume and power; the Swan fills the wine's middle, adding body and textural layers, and the Dijon 667 and 777 lend structure. Together they produce one complete wine from the Anne Katherina vineyard.

Closest Town: Downtown Sonoma

Rootstock: 101-14

AVA: Carneros

Soil Type: Gravely Clay Loam

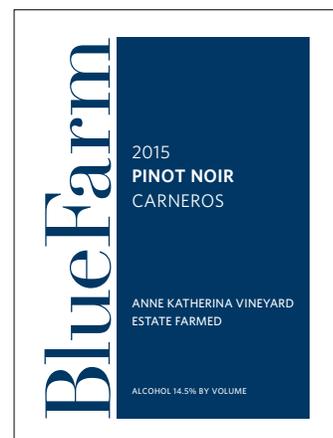
Varietal: Pinot Noir

Aspect: Flat

Planted: 2001

Row Orientation: East/West

Clone(s): Swan, Dijon 115, 667 & 777



### The Vintage

2015 marked California's fifth year of drought, seeing essentially no rain during the summer and fall. Following the trend of 2014, bud break was early, and the season was well underway by mid-March. Early flowering at the beginning of May coincided with some very unsettled weather. Wild, seesawing swings in temperature led to shatter as flowering was interrupted, and some vineyards saw crops reduced by as much as 75%. This weather gave way to a fairly mild and even summer until August, when heat spikes returned. We saw several spikes in which temperatures reached high 90s. At Blue Farm we were relatively fortunate both in quantity and quality. Overall the quality was very high in 2015 and the wines have plenty of structure, indicating they should age well.

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Barrel Program: 65% New Atellier, Cadus, Remond, Francois Freres

Harvest Date: September 10 & October 2

Bottling Date: April 2017

Harvest Brix: 25.0

Bottling % Alcohol: 14.5

Harvest pH: 3.63

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Days in Tank: 18

Type of Tank: Small open top stainless steel

### Blue Farm

Founded on Anne Moller-Racke's 30-plus years of winegrowing in Sonoma, Blue Farm was conceptualized in 2001 during her planting of Anne Katherina, Blue Farm's first estate vineyard. Blue Farm believes that an intimate understanding and connection to our vineyards is core to making site-specific Chardonnay and Pinot Noirs of the highest quality.

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