

# Waterstone Pinot Noir Carneros

## Waterstone Winery

### United States - California - Carneros

#### Vintage:

A warm, dry spring brought early bud break in 2013; we experienced ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set. With the exception of one heat spike in late June/early July, temperatures were consistently in the zone for optimal vine activity. Early ripening varietals came off the vines by early September, with perfect ripeness and ideal hang time. Two brief mid-September rains had virtually no impact, as sunny weather dried the grapes almost immediately. Cool, sunny weather throughout October allowed great flavor development. Overall, the 2013 harvest was early, even and excellent.

Tasting Notes: Dark plums, cherry, cola and leather are present in this wine's aroma. The soft vanilla tones from the oak blend perfectly with the intense fruit core and soft tannins, providing complexity and balance and leading to a lingering finish.



## Specifications

<b>Appellation</b>	Carneros
<b>Varietals</b>	100 % Pinot Noir
<b>Vinification</b>	Grapes were hand picked. Whole berry fermentation in open-top fermenters, punched down manually. Following fermentation, the wine was transferred to small French oak barrels for 14 months (35% new; 65% used, 2nd & 3rd year). Minimal filtration prior to bottling.
<b>Production</b>	603 Cases (9-liter cases)

## Reviews and News

2012 Waterstone Carneros Pinot Noir - 90 PTS - JS  
2009 Waterstone Carneros Pinot Noir - 89 PTS - WE