



# CLOS PEGASE

NAPA VALLEY

2021

## PINOT NOIR

MITSUKO'S VINEYARD  
CARNEROS, NAPA VALLEY



**MITSUKO'S VINEYARD**, located south of Highway 121 in the cooler part of Napa Carneros, has proved to have an abundance of ideal sites for Pinot Noir. Since its purchase as bare land in 1989, we have continually refined our plantings to optimize the wine grape quality potential of each block by determining the best clones to match each soil type. Thus, our Pinot Noir blend continues to evolve towards greater heights every year.

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021 growing season kicked off in January and February with plentiful albeit short-lived rainfall. The remainder of the season was dry with nearly no rainfall, which resulted in early budbreak, followed by early flowering, bloom and fruit set. Temperate spring and summer conditions of cool mornings and very warm days allowed for even veraison in July and continued ripening. Drought conditions created naturally lower yields, resulting in intensely concentrated, flavorful berries and while less was produced overall, the wines bottled show excellent development and another fine vintage year.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Hand picked and delivered to the winery in the early morning, the clusters are then sorted and 100% destemmed. Individual blocks are given a relatively warm fermentation carried out immediately by the yeast strain *Assmunhausen*, originating from the Geisenheim Research Institute in Germany. Once fermentation is complete, the must is pressed and allowed to complete malolactic fermentation in barrel. Aged 9 months in 30% new French oak. The wine is then blended in tank and gently filtered before bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

Moderately dense purple-red in the glass. With swirling, the wine opens up to red plum, fig and cherry aromas. With each sip the drinker is rewarded with red fruits, a touch of vanilla, toasted coconut husk, cola and black cherry. The bright acidity helps direct the crunchy tannins to the front of the palate, the silky mid-palate delivers a mouth coating feel to the wine and helps drive the length and persistence.

*Serving Suggestion: Pear and blackberry crumble with bay leaf custard.*

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 100% Pinot Noir | VINEYARD 100% Mitsuko's Vineyard | APPELLATION Carneros, Napa Valley

HARVEST DATE September 1-16, 2021 | AGING 10 months, 30% new French oak

BOTTLING DATE June 8, 2022 | ALCOHOL 14.5% | RS 1 g/L | TA 0.52 g/100 ml | PH 3.64

PRODUCTION 1,227 cases | AGING POTENTIAL 7-10 years