



2003 Pinot Noir  
Knittel Vineyard  
Carneros

Vineyard	<p>The Knittel Vineyard is located south of Highway 12 on Los Carneros Road on the Napa side of Carneros. An experimental vineyard, it was planted by Renteria Vineyard Management in 1997 to Swan, Calera, 667, 777 and 115 clones. The largest block is planted to Clone 115 and provides depth of flavor and tannin structure. The Dijon clones 667 and 777 give the wine's aroma the higher fruit tones while the complexity and spice flavors come from the California selections, Calera and Swan. The vineyard is located on gently sloping hillsides on clay loam soils.</p>	
Winemaking	<p>The grapes were hand picked on September 19 and September 27. All lots were destemmed to open top fermenters. The cap was punched down 4-5 times a day. It was pressed at dryness and put into 50% new French barrels from a selection of Burgundian coopers immediately. The wine was aged 12 months in barrels prior to bottling on September 17, 2004.</p>	
Tasting Notes	<p>Ideal growing conditions, the complexity of 5 different clones, cool temperatures and shallow clay soils impart various sensory components to the wine. Gentle vinification and fermentation in small open top fermenters resulted in a deep wine with richness and abundant tannins. Age worthy with a rich, tannic finish, the wine is softened by a velvety mid-body. The aroma has a plush strawberry jam character that we have come to call the "Knittel Nose".</p>	
Statistics	Alcohol	14.5%
	Production	347 cases
	Release Date	Fall 2005
	Suggested Retail Price	\$35.00
	Winemaker	Karen Culler

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