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## SEVENS BENCH VINEYARD

CARNEROS • PINOT NOIR

2009

### VINEYARD CHARACTER

Our Sevens Bench Vineyard is a small vineyard block on Duhig Road in Napa-Carneros. Low yields, high-density spacing and intensive farming are all essential elements in crafting this evocative wine. The name Sevens Bench is derived from the two predominate clones, Dijon 667 and Dijon 777, planted at the vineyard. These Dijon clones produce a wine with intense fruit aromas, an expansive mid-palate and fine-grain tannins.

### TASTING NOTES

Aromas of red plums, cedar and grenadine converge with exotic East-Asian spice, earth and aged soy elements to produce an amazingly complex wine. Framed by silky, sweet and generous tannins, the 2009 Sevens Bench Pinot represents one of the most concentrated and exotic Pinots from the Carneros AVA.

### WINE STATISTICS

Oak:	100% French oak, 50% new
Time in oak:	15 months
Yeast:	Native
Alcohol:	14.6%
TA:	5.5 g/L
pH:	3.72
Cases produced:	246
Unfined and unfiltered	



### HISTORIC ACCLAIM

2009:	<b>“Outstanding”</b>	<b>91 points,</b>	Robert Parker’s <i>The Wine Advocate</i> , February 2012
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2007:	<b>“Superb”</b>	<b>94 points,</b>	Steve Heimoff, <i>The Wine Enthusiast</i> , April 2010
2007:	<b>“Highly Recommended,”</b>		<i>The San Francisco Chronicle</i> , March 2010
2005:	<b>“Outstanding”</b>	<b>91 points,</b>	Robert Parker’s <i>The Wine Advocate</i> , December 2007
2002:	<b>“Outstanding”</b>	<b>94 points,</b>	Robert Parker’s <i>The Wine Advocate</i> , December 2005
2002:	<b>“Outstanding”</b>	<b>91 points,</b>	Stephen Tanzer’s <i>International Wine Cellar</i> , May 2004
2001:	<b>Four out of Five Stars,</b>		Ronn Wiegand’s <i>Restaurant Wines</i> , August 2003
2000:	<b>“Excellent”</b>	<b>92 points,</b>	Steve Heimoff, <i>The Wine Enthusiast</i> , August 2003
1999:	<b>“Outstanding”</b>	<b>92 points,</b>	Robert Parker’s <i>The Wine Advocate</i> , December 2000