

# MARCHELLE



## Technical Data

*Appellation* : Carneros (Napa Valley)

*Varieties* : Pinot Noir (primarily) and Pinot Meunier

*Production* : 1,478 Cases

*Analysis* :

Alcohol: 14.1%

pH: 3.6

TA: 6.2 g/L

*Residual Sugar*: DRY (<.01%)

## 2021 Pinot Noir 'Fourth Act'

Carneros, Napa Valley

### ABOUT

The primary vineyard of this blend is Huichica Creek, across the street from the acclaimed Hudson Vineyard in Carneros. A smattering of other vineyards found their way into the blend, including single barrels of Manchester Ridge on the Mendocino coast, van der Kamp Pinot noir and Pinot Meunier.

### PROCESS

The grapes were destemmed but not crushed and sent to 5-ton open-topped fermentors with 10% whole cluster at the bottom of the tanks. Fermentation was done using indigenous or "wild" yeast, uninoculated and pressed/racked to barrel before fermentation was complete. The young wine was racked early off of the yeast lees, blended and returned to barrel with 25% new oak, then aged for 17 months. When prepping for bottling, the remaining barrels were blended into the bottling tank after tasting trials, yielding additional complexity.

### VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage saw very dry conditions with an early budbreak and damaging frosts. This led to a lighter than normal crop for harvest, with excellent concentration. Harvest took place in early September for the main component of the blend, with the few remaining lots harvested from early to late October.

### TASTING

Intense purple/red hues and a moderate depth of color greet the eye. Bright berry, earth and sandalwood grace the aromas of the wine, which follow through to the palate. An excellent backbone of acidity complements the finely-sculpted tannin structure. The aftertaste lingers with a long and complex finish.