

GOLD MEDAL WINE CLUB'S
Diamond Series Selection



Diamond Plus!

The Donum Estate 2009 West Slope Pinot Noir Carneros

To put it simply, this month's *Diamond Series Plus!* selection, The Donum Estate, is the type of winery many other wineries would like to emulate. Relatively young by industry standards, the Donum Estate is a carefully thought out, perfectly situated property that combines the absolute finest in grape growing with the exacting expertise of gifted winemakers. The Donum Estate is comprised of three vineyards in Carneros, Anderson Valley, and Russian River Valley, each uniquely suited to Pinot Noir and all farmed by the winery's passionate owner/grower Anne Moller-Racke.

Since 2001, Anne Moller-Racke has been on a mission to make what some insiders have called "the perfect Pinot Noir." She has developed a formula that most wineries simply cannot afford to employ - limiting her vineyards' tonnage to about one ton per acre, which is well below both the Napa and Sonoma averages. She also encourages a most unique approach to winemaking, giving no set case numbers and simply asking winemaker Kenneth Juhasz to make a small amount of extraordinary Pinot Noir. Kenneth is whole-heartedly committed to Anne's "ultimate Pinot Noir project" and since he joined the Donum team in 2002, has succeeded in creating legendary wines of both power and elegance. The Donum Estate has consistently garnered superior accolades from the wine industry press and has become a hard item to find on a consistent basis, a fact aided by such limited production.

The word *Donum* literally means *gift of the land*, a Latin phrase that rings particularly true in the case of The Donum Estate. During its brief history, it has already set a standard that many Pinot Noir produces attempt to achieve.

Just 250
Cases Produced!

Accolades & Tasting Notes

97 POINTS **97 POINTS** **94 POINTS**

-Wine Enthusiast

-Pinot Report

-Wine Spectator

The Donum Estate is at the top of its Pinot Noir game with its legendary 2009 Carneros West Slope Pinot Noir! *Wine Enthusiast* calls it "A fabulous Pinot Noir that's rich and deeply flavored, with the most wonderful structure. After a fruity, spicy entry, the wine sinks down dramatically on the midpalate, offering masses of cherries, raspberries, red currants, sauteed mushrooms, spices and sweetly toasted sandalwood...**arguably one of the greatest Carneros Pinot Noirs ever made.**"

The West Slope comes from a portion of the Donum Ranch vineyard, and in most vintages the fruit is blended with small portions of other sites. In 2009, winemaker Kenneth Juhasz couldn't resist making a barrel selection from the single block into a superb stand-alone wine - West Slope. Enjoy now until 2017.

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