

# LA CREMA®



## LOS CARNEROS

2013

## Pinot Noir

### *Lingering. Exotic. Supple.*

*"Sweet spice, ripe CHERRY, dark CHOCOLATE, and COFFEE in the nose. PLUM and TOBACCO flavors with subtle layers of toasty OAK. Richly TEXTURED with soft tannins and a SPICY finish."*

ELIZABETH GRANT-DOUGLAS,  
WINEMAKER



### THE STATS:

Appellation:	Los Carneros
Composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Type of Oak:	100% French oak; 29% new
Time in Barrel:	10 months
Alcohol:	14.5%
T.A.:	0.56g / 100mL
pH:	3.64
R.S.:	0.06g / 100mL

Our original name, La Crema Vinera, means "best of the vine," setting the standard for all we do since 1979. Our family-owned and operated winery focuses exclusively on cool-climate appellations. We're continually exploring these very special regions — passionate in our belief that they make uniquely expressive and elegant wines.

### A REMARKABLE PLACE

It's a harmonic convergence, of sorts, where the San Pablo Bay, Napa, and Sonoma come together. There's a combination of soft, rolling hills. Wide-open skies. Rocky soils and late-afternoon breezes sweeping up from the water to naturally cool the countryside. This is Los Carneros — unique, esteemed, expressive.

*It's one of the world's best cool-climate appellations.  
It's a place for La Crema.*

### EXCEPTIONAL GRAPES

A cool climate means grapes spend more time on the vine. That allows a deeper, more dramatic spectrum of flavors and aromas to develop. And that creates decidedly rich and layered wines.

As with 2012, the conditions in 2013 were near ideal. The late season was mild, slowing things down, allowing for especially lush flavor and texture. Harvest was in early/mid September — hand-picking in the cool early morning, careful de-stemming, and gentle, whole-cluster pressing.

### ARTISAN WINEMAKING

*Our boutique, hands-on techniques continued into the winery.*

The juice, including 70% whole berries, was cold-soaked for three to five days, then fermented in open-top tanks and gently punched three times a day. Free-run juice was then racked and transferred to 100% French oak barrels. Ten months of aging helped create our signature smooth flavors.

The final blend relies exclusively on the Ahmann Vineyard, a 142-acre estate primarily devoted to Pinot Noir. Several clones contribute, including 828, 777, Pommard, and 2A. Some add lush texture and soft spice. Others, dark red fruits and juicy acidity.

*Together, they conjure a wine that could only be—Los Carneros.*