

FLEUR

de
California

2006 PINOT NOIR

APPELLATION:	CARNEROS
VARIETAL:	PINOT NOIR
BARREL AGING:	8 MONTHS IN FRENCH OAK BARREL
ALCOHOL:	13.5%
PH:	3.57
RELEASE DATE:	MAY 1, 2007



WINEMAKER'S PERSPECTIVE FROM KEN FOSTER

Fleur de California is our bright, fresh, charming, and flavorful Pinot Noir from Carneros. The brilliant ruby color sets the stage for aromas of pomegranate and bright red fruit, with hints of white pepper and spice. While dominated by effusive fruit flavors the wine is soft, supple and rich in the mouth. This flower of a wine may be enjoyed today, served cool, alongside an appetizer of pate & smoked salmon, with grilled Portobello mushrooms and salmon, or as an aperitif.

ABOUT FLEUR DE CALIFORNIA

As the name suggests, the 2006 Fleur de California is our "flower" of the region, spirited and charming, vibrant and alive! This blend combines grapes from the Carneros hillsides surrounding our winery to create a wine which we believe provides more balance and pleasure than each component would provide on its own. Vines have been planted on these hillsides since the 1830's when pioneering farmers grew apricots, plums, pears and apples. The moderate bayside climate and soils of clay also produced outstanding wine grapes, and acreage in the region has increased ever since. Francis Mahoney sought out these conditions, akin to those in the famed Pinot Noir-producing Burgundy region, and established Fleur de California, with the first release of this style in 1987.