

# Carol Shelton

2011

## Pinot Noir

*Larson Vineyard*

*Carneros*

*Sonoma County*

Larson Vineyard, in the Sonoma side of Carneros, is owned by our friend and fellow home brewer, Ken Larson. In our Pinot Noir we blended 50% each of two clones: 115 and 667, both hailing from the Dijon region of Burgundy originally. We really like the complex flavors, rich fruit and spicy firm tannin structure that this wine delivers...truly a classic "iron fist in a velvet glove!"

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: Rich black cherry fruit, nice black pepper spice and touch of earth. Firm tannins cloaked in velvety plush silkiness, nice spicy finish. More fruit than a lot of Pinot Noirs—a Zin-lover's Pinot!

Harvest Date: September 26, 2011  
Average Brix at Harvest: 25.8°Brix  
Average TA/pH at Harvest: 0.75 gm/100ml pH: 3.77

Fermentation Characteristics: 12 days on skins  
Fermented in T-bins with 2 different yeasts,  
punched down by hand three times/day

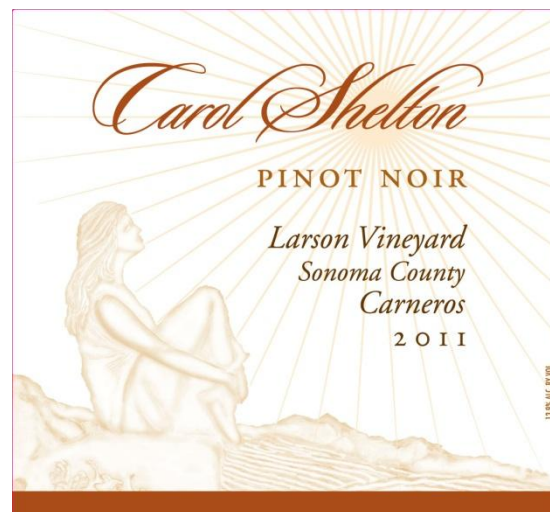
Cellar Storage/Aging: 10 months in French oak barrels, 10% new and 90% 2<sup>nd</sup> fill (1-year-old)

Alcohol: 13.9%  
Total Acidity: 0.63 gm/100ml  
pH: 3.77

Varietal : 95% Pinot Noir  
5% Petite Sirah

Appellation : 95% Larson Vineyard,  
Sonoma-Carneros  
5% Rockpile Vineyard (PS)

Cases produced: 249 cases  
Bottling Date: September 13, 2012  
Release Date: November 1, 2012



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