

Carol Shelton

2010

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: October 4, 2010
Average Brix at Harvest: 27.5°Brix
Average TA/pH at Harvest: 0.54 gm/100ml pH: 3.85

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

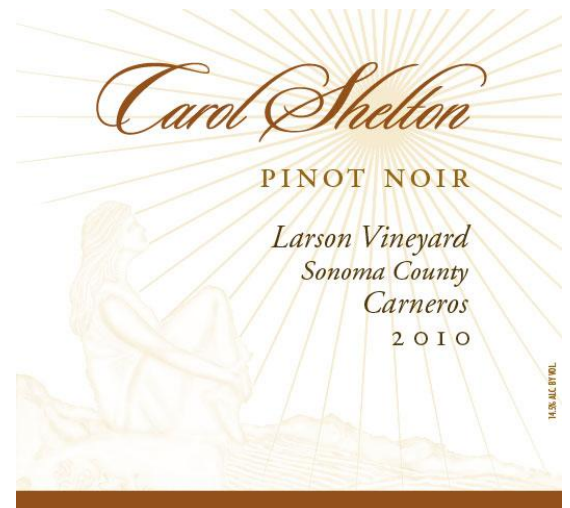
Cellar Storage/Aging: 10 months in French oak barrels, 50% new and 50% 2-year-old

Alcohol: 15.0%
Total Acidity: 0.61 gm/100ml
pH: 3.77

Varietal : 96.5% Pinot Noir
3.5% Petite Sirah

Appellation : 96.5% Larson Vineyard,
Sonoma-Carneros
3.5% Rockpile Vineyard (PS)

Cases produced: 218
Bottling Date: October 7, 2011
Release Date: November, 2011



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