

# FULCRUM

## Fulcrum Wildcat Mountain Vineyard, Carneros Pinot Noir

### *Wine Enthusiast*

#### **Fulcrum 2017 Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Pinot Noir (Carneros)**

Fleshy and richly layered in cherry and vanilla, this robust vineyard-designate shows a wealth of flavor and texture. Focused acidity and pretty aromatics lighten the power and tightness of the oak, making for a rewarding experience of balance and complexity. **93 Points** – V.B. August 2019

### *Sonoma Magazine- TOP 100 WINES OF 2019*

**Fulcrum Wines 2017 Carneros Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Pinot Noir \$63** David Rossi commutes from New York to Sonoma multiple times a year to fulfill his desire to produce Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. No absentee owner, Rossi makes the wines himself in Sonoma and has a tasting room downtown. This wine shows the dark-fruit side of Pinot (boysenberry and black cherry). It's lush and spicy, with a long, rewarding finish. - *Linda Murphy*

### *Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine*

#### **2017 Fulcrum Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Carneros Pinot Noir**

Carneros Sonoma County. At once very substantial and long on deep, well-extracted fruit but also a wonderfully well-balanced and comparatively supple Pinot that manages to be as polished as it is so very rich, Fulcrum's offering from the Wildcat Mountain Vineyard is a generous, exceptionally well-made wine with great fruit reserve. It is beginning show a good deal of layering that will only become more evident with time and those willing to resist its very considerable richness for a few years will be more than happy that they did. **93 Points** - May 2019

### *Robert Parker/Wine Advocate*

#### **Fulcrum 2017 Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Pinot Noir (Carneros)**

Pale to medium ruby-purple, the 2017 Pinot Noir Wildcat Mountain Vineyard has a nose of cranberry sauce, blueberry and blackberry with a spicy background. Medium-bodied, it gives pure red, blue and black fruits in the mouth, with grainy structuring tannins and a sweet fruit finish. **92+ Points** - *Erin Brooks, April 2019*

### *PinotFile*

#### **2017 Fulcrum Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Carneros Pinot Noir**

Clones 667, 777 and Pommard. Aged 11 months in French oak barrels, 35% new. Bottled unfinned and unfiltered. Moderate garnet color in the glass. Aromas of blackest cherry, chocolate sundae, exotic spices and vanilla. Light to mid weight flavors of blackberry and black raspberry with a deft touch of oak. A very pleasing gulp of nicely ripened fruit backed by civilized tannins and finishing with good intent. Considerably more appealing when tasted the following day from a previously opened and re-corked bottle. **92 Points** – *April 2019*

*Jeb Dunnuck*

**2017 Fulcrum Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Carneros Pinot Noir**

From a site in Carneros, the 2017 Pinot Noir Wildcat Mountain Vineyard sports a slightly deeper ruby color as well as lots of smoked red and black fruits, ground herbs, black tea, and underbrush. It's nicely textured, has plenty of earthy, dark fruit, and a good finish. Completely destemmed and aged 11 months in 35% new French oak, bottled unfiltered and unfiltered, drink it over the coming 6-8 years. **92 Points** – *Jeb Dunnuck, June 2019*

*Robert Parker/Wine Advocate*

**Fulcrum 2016 Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Pinot Noir (Carneros)**

Pale ruby-purple colored, the 2016 Pinot Noir Wildcat Mountain Vineyard features very pretty notes of raspberries, wild strawberries and cranberries with touches of fragrant earth, lavender and bay leaves. Medium-bodied and wonderfully elegant with a beautiful, quiet intensity in the mouth, the sustained red berry and earth flavors are supported by fine-grained tannins and a lively line, finishing long and perfumed. **94 Points; Outstanding** -*Lisa Perrotti-Brown, June 2018*

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**2016 Fulcrum Wildcat Mountain Vineyard, Carneros Pinot Noir** Moderate garnet color in the glass. The nose offers aromas of purple and black berries, BBQ rub, earth and sandstone. The wine's flavor profile stands out for its garrigue character that compliments the boysenberry, black raspberry and blackberry fruit flavors. Impeccable balance with a deft oak accent, satiny texture and some closing joy. **93; Outstanding** *Rusty Gaffney, April 2018*

*Burghound*

**2011 Fulcrum Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Pinot Noir**

"This possesses the most elegant nose. There is good intensity and verve to the delicious and suave medium weight flavors that display plenty of palate coating dry extract before culminating in a solidly complex and beautifully persistent finish. **Impeccably well-balanced.**" **92 Points; Outstanding. Worth a special effort to purchase**

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**2011 Fulcrum Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Pinot Noir**

"So sweet and jammy, it's hard not to drink it up now, despite some firm tannins. Displays a rich spectrum of cherries, pomegranates and red currants, with exotic spices and the brown sugary sweetness of tasted oak. The finish is dry and elegant. **A real beauty...**" **91 Points** -*Steve Heimoff, September 2013*

*Pinot Report*

**2011 Fulcrum Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Pinot Noir**

"earthy, toasty dark cherry aromas; rich, deep stewed cherry flavors with complex earthy notes, some oak; good structure and balance; long finish. **Deep, earthy Pinot with a lot of complexity.**" **91 Points**

*Dan Berger's Vintage Experiences*

**2011 Fulcrum Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Pinot Noir**

"Not the typical Carneros style of wine since the altitude of the vineyard gives the wine a cool-climate feel." **Exceptional**

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**2011 Fulcrum Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Pinot Noir**

"Soft and harmonious with restrained tannins." **2011 Fulcrum Anderson Valley Pinot Noir**

"I was really attracted to the nose on this wine which offered **an explosion of aromas** including cherries, molasses, and roseate notes. Really delivers sumptuous flavors of cherries, raspberries and strawberries with a hint of complimentary spice that carries over onto the big finish."

*RJ on Wine*

**2011 Fulcrum Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Pinot Noir**

**91 Points**

*Richard Jennings, September 2013*