

ROBERT SINSKEY VINEYARDS

MARCIEN

Proprietary Red, Los Carneros, Napa Valley, 2005



WINEGROWING NOTES:

Some of our neighbors thought we were from Mars when they heard we were planting the cultivars of Bordeaux in Carneros. Pinot Noir and Chardonnay were the conventional choice. Well, convention doesn't mean very much around here, and Merlot loves Carneros. The clay-based soils and maritime influence of the bay must remind it of the Right Bank. Though a little more site specific than Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon, if planted in the right spots, can provide superlative fruit in Carneros. These three grapes are a natural trio, and though each has

their own unique voice, they perform best in concert. The beauty of this triad is that each responds to weather patterns in different ways and has its own ripening cycle, so instead of putting all eggs in one varietal basket, the ratios can be adjusted to make the best wine within the parameters of the vintage. Each year, RSV selects several lots that best express the essence of their Bordeaux varieties from their CCOF Certified Organic and Demeter Certified Biodynamic Carneros vineyards. Let the concert begin.

RSV'S VINEYARDS ARE CERTIFIED ORGANIC, THIS YEAR THEY ARE DEMETER CERTIFIED BIODYNAMIC!

TASTING NOTES:

My favorite Marcien – Herb-scented cassis, licorice and lightly roasted coffee hit amongst exotic smoked spice aromas. A sip brings cherries, plums and olives. Notes of tobacco and leather chime in; all on a texture drawn supple and taut like a drum. A youthful vibrant edge and ripe, sleek tannins make for assertive, but balanced structure, promising the potential for a long-term relationship, if you're looking for that sort of thing.

As always, take with food.

Oak Treatment – 20 Months 35% New French Oak

Cases Produced: 1589 – TA: 6.5 g/l – PH: 3.6 – Alcohol: 14.2%

FINE WINES FROM ORGANIC VINES

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