

ROBERT SINSKEY VINEYARDS

Napa

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Rob Sinskey



Each year, POV features three different labels with photographs by Rob Sinskey



"Good wine should be elegant, understated and complex—it should make your mouth water and interact positively with foods." --Robert Sinskey



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NAPA VALLEY
Carneros & Stags Leap District

OVERVIEW

Robert Sinskey Vineyards, producer of extremely limited amounts of highly-prized wines, began, as so many Napa estates have, as a second career. In 1982, successful surgeon Robert Sinskey began a humble plan to grow grapes in the Napa Valley. Beginning with just 15 acres, he built his winery and caves in the foothills of Stags Leap. Today the vineyards encompass over 200 acres in Carneros and Stags Leap, and the labyrinthine caves now stretch to over 18,000 square feet, providing a perfect environment for the barrel aging. The late Robert Sinskey's son Rob now runs the winery and in 1991 he converted all of his vineyards to organic farming, which are now *Demeter*-certified Biodynamic. RSV has experienced steady increases in both quality and character of fruit since the move to organics, and lately this upward curve seems to be steepening, which is no doubt a combination of the farming, maturing vines, and experience. Some people taste the wines and ask if there is a new winemaker at RSV. The answer, of course, is no! Jeff Virnig has made wine at RSV for over twenty years. Apparently both winemakers and vines improve with age!

Varieties:

White: Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris, Gewurztraminer, Muscat, Riesling

Red: Pinot Noir, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Zinfandel

Total Acreage: about 200 acres

Average Production: 25,000 cases

VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES

- vineyards & winery are certified organic (IOOF) & certified biodynamic (*Demeter*)
- winery has become 75% self-sufficient
- minimal manipulation of the wines in the cellar

WINES

Pinot Blanc Carneros

True Pinot Blanc! Clean, pure & focused—no oak or no malo-actic, it is produced exclusively in elegant glass-stoppered half bottles...sometimes in tall magnums, too.

Abraxas Scintilla Sonoma Vineyard, Carneros

A single vineyard "Vin de Terroir" is produced from four classic Alsace varieties (Pinot Gris, Riesling, Gewurtztraminer, Pinot Blanc) Delicate whole-cluster pressed fruit and no barrels for a bright, pure and true wine.

Pinot Noir Carneros

From all 5 of RSV's Carneros Vyds. Beautiful, classic raspberries & orange peel flavors mingle with sensual, earthy undercurrents. 100% French oak (35% new) for 10 mo.

Cabernet Franc Vandal Vineyard, Carneros

The long growing season of Carneros provides the ideal climate for the fickle Cabernet Franc to mature in flavor without gaining sugars too early, resulting in a balanced wine with deep, ripe flavor, refreshing acidity, and a bright, elegant mouthfeel.

POV Carneros

POV chronicles the interaction of site, varieties & vintner that occurs every vintage on RSV's Carneros vineyards. No screaming from the glass here, but rather a quietly confident invitation that merits an evening's attention. Drinks well now, yet will offers exceptional rewards after with bottle age. 18 months in 30% new French oak barrels.

Marcien Carneros

Contrary to popular belief, Merlot and Cabs Franc & Sauvignon, if planted in the right spots, provide superlative fruit in Carneros. Each year, RSV selects several lots that best express the essence of their Bordeaux varieties from their Carneros vineyards.

ACCOLADES

"Rob Sinskey is no tree hugger; he just thinks organic viticulture produces better things to drink... his Johnny Appleseed enthusiasm for organics masks a deep conviction that he has seen the future of wine." - **Saveur magazine**