Fulcrum Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Pinot Noir, Carneros

Wine Spectator

2023 Fulcrum Wildcat Mountain Pinot Noir, Carneros

Succulent dark cherry fruit streams through, laced with light licorice and rose hip accents. Subtle toast lets the fruit hold center stage. Drink now through 2028. 224 cases made. –JM **90 Points**

Wine Enthusiast

2023 Fulcrum Wildcat Mountain Pinot Noir, Carneros

Lively cranberry, black plum and cherry flavors drive the nose of this Pinot. The palate brings on a savory side, with flavors of shiitake, clove and cinnamon layering with dark fruit character, plush tannin and lively acidity. **—** T.R.C. **92 Points**

Owen Bargreen

2023 Fulcrum Wildcat Mountain Pinot Noir, Carneros

The beautiful 2023 'Wildcat Mountain' Pinot Noir comes from a breezy location in the Carneros AVA, owned by MacRostie. Stored in mainly neutral oak barrels this delivers a great melange of red and dark fruits on the nose with damp soils, pine needles and shades of lavender. The palate is laden with minerality and poise, as this is also very dense and heady Pinot Noir that is drinking marvelous in its energy-driven youth. Drink 2025-2037 **94 Points**

Owen Bargreen

2022 Fulcrum Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Pinot Noir, Carneros

Another awesome wine in the Fulcrum lineup, the 2022 'Wildcat Mountain' Pinot Noir utilizes clonal selections 777, 667 and Pommard Pinot Noir, as this was stored for 11 months in 36% new French oak prior to bottling. This displays rocky soils that mingle well with rich blackberry and red raspberry flavors alongside plenty of salty minerals. An awesome wine to savor now, enjoy over the next ten years. Drink 2024-2033 **93 Points**

Wine Enthusiast

Fulcrum 2021 Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Pinot Noir, Carneros

Handsome oak spices like cinnamon, nutmeg and maple dress up this well-concentrated wine, adding complexity to its vivid black cherry, raspberry and cranberry flavors. Moderate tannins and tangy acidity give it a palate-cleansing texture. **93 Points** — Jim Gordon

Wine Spectator

2021 Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Pinot Noir, Carneros

Friendly, with a burst of hibiscus and violet notes backed by a stream of raspberry and boysenberry coulis. The finish is dusted with singed tea and vanilla. Drink now through 2026. **90 Points** – James Molesworth

Owen Bargreen

2021 Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Pinot Noir, Carneros

The 'Wildcat Mountain' Pinot Noir utilizes clonal selections 777, 667 and Pommard Pinot Noir, as this was stored for 11 months in 36% new French oak prior to bottling. Juicy red fruits collide with citrus blossom water and stony minerals with freshly tilled rocky soils. Complex and delicious, savor this beauty over the next decade. Drink 2023-2033. **92 Points**

Wine Enthusiast

Fulcrum 2019 Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Pinot Noir, Carneros

Full of rich baked red fruit that presents as dense and concentrated on the palate, this wine offers teases of citrus that keep it bright and lively, with accents of dried herb and forest floor. Medium bodied, it has balanced oak and tannin that come together harmoniously on a spicy finish.

93 Points – *V.B. 2021*

Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine

Fulcrum 2018 Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Pinot Noir, Carneros

Immediately impressing on initial nosing for its combination of richness and refinement, this top-shelf Pinot marries plentiful, very pure, ripe cherry fruit with a careful dollop of creamy oak and sports lovely highlights of violet-like sweetness as a most appealing bonus. Fairly full on the palate but beautifully balanced and keyed on slightly succulent fruit from entry on through to its very long finish, this is a complete look at the variety that hits all the right marks and promises to evolve splendidly for a half-decade if not more. **93 Points** - *June 2020*

Jeb Dunnuck

Fulcrum 2018 Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Pinot Noir, Carneros

Moving to the three Pinot Noirs, the 2018 Pinot Noir Wildcat Mountain Vineyard comes from a site in Carneros and spent 11 months in one-third new French oak. It offers a classic California Pinot nose of ripe berry fruits, spice, cola, and bay leaf. This carries to a fruit-forward, sexy Pinot Noir that has terrific purity of fruit, no hard edges, and a great finish. It's a pleasure-bent effort to drink over the coming 4-5 years or so. **93 Points** – *Jeb Dunnuck, May 2020*

Robert Parker/Wine Advocate

Fulcrum 2018 Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Pinot Noir, Carneros

Pale to medium ruby, the 2018 Pinot Noir Wildcat Mountain Vineyard offers cranberries, Bing cherries and blackberries with notes of earth, amaro and dried herbs on the nose. The palate is medium-bodied with sweet berry fruit, a soft frame and long, juicy finish with a touch of warmth. **91 Points** - *Erin Brooks, August 2020*

Burghound

Fulcrum 2018 Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Pinot Noir, Carneros

This is aromatically quite similar to the Hogan's Run with the addition of a touch of menthol character. I again like the sleek mouthfeel of the nicely detailed flavors that possess very good verve and intensity while displaying fine length on the focused, linear and compact finish that is youthfully austere. This too needs at least a few years of patience to unwind and flesh out.
91 Points - *Allen Meadows, June 2020*

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*

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Fulcrum 2017 Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Pinot Noir, Carneros

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 unfined 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 unfined 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 Perrotii-Brown, June 2018*

PinotFile

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 Points; 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

Wine Enthusiast

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**

PinotFile

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*