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## A Chat with Remi Cohen of Domaine Carneros

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Today, we start off with a conversation about one of the newest developments at Domaine Carneros and what has to be considered one of Eileen Crane's greatest accomplishments (although Eileen's impact was so vast and impactful, that last statement is a bit, well, dumb): ensuring that all the fruit used for Domaine Carneros' wines were estate grown (and therefore had complete control over the entire process).

Finally, we got to the wine that I was so eager to try: Le Rêve Rosé. First introduced in 1998, while it shares some characteristics with its slightly older sibling (Le Rêve Blanc de Blancs, first vintage 1992), unlike Le Rêve, which is 100% Chardonnay, Le Rêve Rosé is majority Pinot Noir (aka my wheelhouse):



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**2015 Domaine Carneros Le Reve Rosé, Carneros, CA:** Retail \$140. 55% Estate Pinot Noir, 45% Estate Chardonnay. Like the Cuvée de la Pompadour Rosé, the (ever-so-slight salmon) color from this wine comes from a portion of the Pinot Noir macerating for a few days on the skins (as far as I know, that is particularly rare). While this wine is certainly above my pay-grade, it is incredible. While I feel it might need a bit more time, it is incredibly rich, laden with red berry fruit, perfectly balanced yeasty notes. Whoa. While I double-down on the fact that this wine could use a few years in the cellar, it is gangbusters. I would put this down for at least another 5-10 years. **INCREDIBLE. 96 POINTS.**



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