



2010 RESERVE PINOT NOIR

Winemaker's Tasting Notes

Aromas in these cool growing seasons are always “leap out of the glass” intense! Look for violets, spiced black cherry, and a hint of blueberry blossom. The black cherry component evolves into red cherry/currant aromas with time in the glass. (That’s like discovering the Fountain of Youth for Pinot Noir!).

The texture is immediately a surprisingly dense mouthfeel, yet light on it’s feet. Pinot noir red fruits abound throughout the palate. There’s an amazing balance, where each segment of flavor from beginning, to middle, to the long finish is of equal intensity. This wine tap danced it’s way straight into my own personal cellar, indeed!

Winemaker's Production Notes

The season started out unusually cool, delaying grape flowering until well into July. Even then, the weather was not great and poor pollination produced smaller than average clusters. Even then we were compelled to remove grape clusters to get the yields well below average. There is just not enough growing season left to ripen a normal crop. A season saving string of 80+ degree days at the end of September gave us all hope of ripening and put life back into our plans to make red wine. A bit of warm, soaking rain in early October sent us into further removing leaves and working to keep fruit healthy. Mid October brought an great, dry forecast and harvest began with a bang to beat predicted October 23rd rains. Red wine was harvested with gusto beginning the 17th and we wrapped up harvest the 21st October. Keys to our success were, small crop, healthy fruit, and patience to wait until the very end of the season to pick.

Wine Production Stats

Varietals: 100% Oregon Pinot Noir
Vineyard: Lone Star, Knudsen, Stoller
AVA: Willamette Valley
Alcohol: 13.5%
Bottled: March 2012
Cases Produced: 3500
Winemakers: Rollin Soles & Andrew Davis