



# RIVERBENCH

## 2009 Harvest

Throughout the 2009 harvest we generally had favorable weather conditions. There was a sprinkle of hot days immediately before we began picking and during the first few weeks of harvest. The heat was not uncommon and resulted in a nice even ripening of the clusters. Our Riverbench fruit showed nice early flavors and the progression of flavor in both the Chardonnay and Pinot Noir were both variable and predictable. The variability between blocks allowed us to select areas and maturity levels for each distinct wine.



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### 2009 ESTATE PINOT NOIR

Estate Grown and Bottled

Santa Maria Valley



#### Composition

100% Pinot Noir

#### Harvest

October 2009

#### Cooperage

9 months in French Oak,  
21% new, 40% 1 year old

#### Bottled

August 2010

#### Acidity

.673 g/100mL

#### pH

3.55

#### Alcohol

13.6%

#### Production

365 cases

#### Winemakers Notes

2009 was a mix of favorable weather and some hot days right before harvest, which gave us an even ripening on our Pinot Noir. A thorough progression of flavors allowed us to monitor maturity levels in different parts of the vineyard, so we carefully selected the lots of grapes that make up this wine. This medium-bodied Pinot Noir has a bright red color, and the palate boasts juicy flavors of strawberry, raspberry, and our signature Riverbench smoke and clove. Try this with grilled lamb chops or beer brined pork chops.