



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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RIVERBEND

2009 ONE PALM PINOT NOIR

Estate Grown and Bottled
Santa Maria Valley



Composition

100% Pinot Noir

Harvest

October 2009

Coopers

Boutes, Seguin Moreau, Remond

Cooperage

20% new oak, 35% 1 year old, 20% 2 year old

Bottled

August 2010

Acidity

.71 g/100mL

pH

3.53

Alcohol

14.2%

Production

251 cases

Winemakers Notes

Meet our One Palm Pinot Noir, the debonair one of the bunch. He's polished and gracious, with integrated oak that won't overwhelm the senses. A dark cranberry color, customary of clone 667, hints of red fruits- strawberry, raspberry, and cherry. Yet there is a dusty quality that brings in an element of earthiness, even mushroom, giving this a bit of old world sophistication. Yes, we're talking more Rhett Butler than Ashley Wilkes, make no mistake, with a sultry sexy, brooding and...dare we say it?...dangerous edge. One sip of this and, frankly, you won't give a damn.