



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 RESERVE PINOT NOIR

Estate Grown and Bottled

Santa Maria Valley



Composition

100% Pinot Noir

Harvest

October 2009

Cooperage

38% new oak, 25% 1 year old, 38% 2 year old

Bottled

August 2010

Acidity

.65 g/100mL

pH

3.5

Alcohol

13.8%

Production

225 cases

Winemakers Notes

Nothing says distinctive, exciting, and noteworthy like our Reserve Pinot Noir. Made with our very best grapes, the wine is a deep purple with a smooth texture, fleshy mid palate, and a pure acidity which keeps the finish in check. You'll taste dark fruits like cherry in this wine, with a cigar box or tobacco note and a hint of spice. Seamless tannins will carry this wine through to at least 6-8 years of bottle age. Enjoy with sautéed veal chops or perfectly cooked beef tenderloin.