

## 2010 Harvest

The cool summer and resulting extended hang time was interrupted as the weather turned variable in September. Extreme, extended heat followed by rain and cold days and nights repeated itself for several weeks. In the vineyard we did not have an issue getting the fruit picked, but because of the weather the fruit had higher maturity characteristics than past years. The color and intensity of flavor will make this vintage different than all others thus far. We could see in the vineyard and harvest bins that the berries themselves matured to higher levels this year, and the resulting wines confirm it. Longer cold soak in stainless steel fermenters gave us more control over punchdowns. The summer was long and cool with big heat spikes, but the older vines held up perfectly through this.





## RIVERBENCH

## 2010 ONE PALM PINOT NOIR

Estate Grown and Bottled Santa Maria Valley



Composition

100% Pinot Noir, Clone 667

Harvest

September 25, 2010

Cooperage

9 months in French Oak, 20% New, 20% 1 Year Old,

15% 2 Year Old

Coopers

Roberts & Sons, Remond, Seguin Moreau

**Bottled** 

September 18, 2011

Acidity

.575 g/100mL

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3.81

Alcohol

14.6%

Production

382 cases

Suggested Retail Price

\$38

## 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.