



RIVERBENCH

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.



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2010 RESERVE PINOT NOIR

Estate Grown and Bottled

Santa Maria Valley



Composition

100% Pinot Noir

Harvest

October 2, 2010

Cooperage

9 months in French Oak

20% new, 40% 1 year old, 40% 3 year old

Coopers

Seguin Moreau, Roberts & Sons, Sirugue

Bottled

September 18, 2011

Acidity

.616 g/100mL

pH

3.68

Alcohol

14.6%

Production

434 cases

Suggested Retail Price

\$42

Winemakers Notes

Who doesn't like to celebrate the good days? Maybe you triumphed at work, or your kid becomes an honor student. Perhaps you climbed a mountain, took the plunge, or finished a project. Maybe you just managed to get through, which, let's face it, is in and of itself pretty satisfying. Whatever you're celebrating, you want the right wine, and our Reserve Pinot Noir is it. Nothing says distinctive, exciting and noteworthy like this bottling of specially selected barrels. Deep purple with a lush and elegant texture, it screams subdued opulence as notes of blackberry and truffle jump out of the glass. Pretty flavors on the palate like raspberry and plum and maybe even baked apple mingle nicely with hints of spice and tobacco, and the tannins balanced with pure acidity make it particularly age-worthy. Try it with any celebratory dinner, whether you're commemorating finishing the laundry or saving the world.