



Oregon Pinot Noir



Tasting Notes:

Elegant and complex aromas of Bing cherries, cranberries, red currants, raspberries and strawberries, a combination of wild flowers and fresh forest berries that epitomize Oregon Pinot Noir. The juicy red fruit flavors open the attack then evolve in the mouth to darker fruit flavors with spice and mineral overtones. The wine shows ripe tannins and a succulent texture that give definition and lift to the surprisingly long finish. Although the 2010 A to Z Pinot Noir is drinking well now, it has the focus, balance and intensity to age and will become more complex over the next 5-10 years.

Winemaking Notes:

The 2010 A to Z Pinot Noir is a blend of fruit from more than 30 different vineyards across Oregon and approximately 60 different fermentations. Following the completion of primary and secondary fermentation, we work very hard to blend our single cuvée which highlights the essence of Oregon Pinot Noir in 2010. 62% of the vineyards we source from are certified sustainable. Almost all of the other vineyards are farming sustainably and are in the process of becoming certified. We ask any vineyard we work with to achieve certification within two years.

Vintage Notes:

The 2010 vintage is a story that is easier to read from end to beginning. Vines started slow in wet cold weather through spring into summer. Experience and hard work in the vineyards paid off as extra efforts were needed to combat frost, mildew, weeds, late bud break & flowering.

Harvest began in early October under clear and sunny skies progressing from Southern Oregon to the Gorge and finally to the Willamette Valley. The fruit was beautifully ripe with lower sugar (read lower alcohol) than average. Yields were low due to early season weather and subsequent crop thinning to adjust for the shorter growing season.

A to Z averaged 2.5 tons per acre in 2010 offering fruit with great concentration and balance. The wines have depth with a structure of great purity, everything we could ask for in a vintage.

Who doesn't love a happy ending?



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The New York Times

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