



Truchard Vineyards

2010 Pinot Noir

Vintage: 2010 was a challenging vintage that produced outstanding wines. A cool, wet spring led to below average yields. Cooler temperatures continued throughout summer and slowly brought the fruit to maturity. However, extremely hot weather in late summer and heavy rains near the end of harvest; significantly reduced the crop. In the end, 2010 produced balanced wines with intense aromas and flavors, beautiful structure, and high acidity.

Vineyard: Seven separate clonal selections of Pinot Noir grow on the Truchard Estate Vineyard. Two “Martini” clones, the “Pommard” clone, the “Swan” clone; and several new selections from France - Dijon 115, 667, 777. Each selection provides a unique element of aromatic fruit, spice, and texture to the blend. The vines range from 14 - 36 years in age. They are planted in several select sites that take full advantage of the thin soils, rolling hills, and cooler temperatures; factors which combine to make the Carneros region ideal for producing Pinot Noir.

Harvest: September 17 – 29 • 24.4 °Brix • 3.39 pH • 7.2 g/L TA

Winemaking: All of the fruit was gently destemmed and crushed into open top fermenters with approximately 20% whole berries. Each lot was inoculated with Assmannhausen yeast, after “cold soaking” for up to 5 days. Fermentations were punched down three times daily, with the temperature peaking at 92° F. After 7 - 12 days of maceration, the lots were pressed, settled in tanks for 24 hours, and then put to barrel. This wine was aged for 10 months in French oak (35% new), and bottled in August of 2011. It is ready for immediate drinking, but will reward careful cellaring for the next 10-15 years.

Wine Analysis: 13.9% alcohol • 3.58 pH • 6.2 g/l TA

Tasting Notes: Intense aromas of black cherry, plum, and strawberry; with hints of citrus blossom, tea, and earth. The mouth is rich and round; with flavors of plum jam, cranberry, and sweet vanilla. Firm acidity and delicate tannins focus the palate and provide a lingering finish of spice and red fruit.

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Cases Produced: 2860 cases

