



2010 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR

TWOMEY

BEN AND DAN'S NOTES:

Our 2010 Twomey Russian River Valley Pinot Noir has a dark ruby-red hue and a nose of blueberries, blackberries, red currants, fresh rose petal, violets and a hint of spearmint. On the palate, it has a refined attack with a beautiful balance of fruit and floral influences, a silky mid-palate and a fruit-sweet finish that lingers for minutes.

VINEYARDS:

West Pin Vineyard, Estate Owned, Sustainably Farmed
Crinella Vineyard, Sustainably Farmed

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION:

The 2010 growing season was mild and cool with heavy cloud cover and fog during most of the summer months. Winter brought typical wet and cold weather, which continued into spring. Conditions improved for budbreak in mid-March, leading to a good fruit set. Unseasonably cool weather during the late summer months delayed the development of the grapes by three weeks, but this quickly changed due to a dramatic heat wave in the 3rd week of August. Our viticultural practice of retaining a protective leaf cover over the clusters was very successful in preventing sunburn. The heat gave a welcome push to skin ripeness and flavors, bringing the fruit to full maturity at low sugar levels.

We began harvesting our West Pin Vineyard in early September, more than two weeks later than normal. We picked through September as the various blocks reached maturity. Harvest came to an end on October 1st when we brought in the last fruit from Crinella Vineyard. This year's harvest produced wines of exceptional complexity with lithe balance and poise.

HARVEST DATES: *September 7th - October 1st*

BARRELS: *French Burgundy, 50% new, 50% once-used*

BARREL AGING: *15 months sur lies*

ALCOHOL: *13.6%*

TA: *0.65*

pH: *3.49*

CASE PRODUCTION: *2,600 cases*

RELEASE DATE: *April 28, 2012*

