

2010 Pinot Noir Roosevelt



Viticultural Data:

Vine Age: 18 years
Yield: 1.5 tons/acre
Harvest Sugars: 23.5 Brix

Enological Data:

pH: 3.72
Bottled: August 2011
12 Bottle Cases
Produced 268

This vineyard was planted in 1993 and has quickly become one of the Willamette Valley's preeminent sites. Roosevelt Vineyard is a four-acre planting situated just south of the winery on Willakenzie soils. The south-facing hillside points to a steep precipice overlooking the magnificent Williams Canyon. It is a high density planting (2100 vpa) spaced approximately one meter by two meters apart. This, our premier Single Vineyard site, undergoes extensive pruning and cluster thinning to limit yields and maximize ripening in order to concentrate the fruit. Following our beliefs in ecological farming we manage this site using complete organic practices. All of these elements combine at this one unique location on our estate property that consistently produces some of Oregon's finest Pinot Noirs to date.

Vintage 2010 brings to mind some catchy phrases. *The year of the birds – Hitchcock style, let 'em hang* and our favorite, and slogan for the vintage – "Hang '10"! Yes, harvest was later than normal. An exceptional cold, wet spring followed by what many seasoned producers recall as one of the shortest summers. However, 2010 was not the worst of years. The 'attack of our feathered friends,' whose almost unprecedented assault on valley fruit, also indicated nature's signal that the fruit was ripe and grapes good indeed. Winemaker, Adam Campbell, comments in response to vintage nervousness, "you know, we have been doing this for almost 40 years, and it's not the first time we've had slow ripening. We're optimistic about it and we know exactly what to do." Even science agrees. Climatologists show similarities to the great 2008 vintage; reporting lower yields, small berries and full flavor development at lower brix levels – all signs pointing to high quality wines with lower alcohols.

Reviews

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"Scents of beef consommé and smoke suggest a fairly oaky profile, but there's ample fruit to carry it. After a day of air, this Oregon wine resembles the supple, open richness of a pinot from the Russian River. For grilled Pacific salmon."