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2010

*Russian River Valley
Rosé of Pinot Noir*

Harvest Notes

To use an analogy, the 2010 growing season was like riding a roller coaster. Abundant rains in winter 2009 and spring 2010 broke a three year drought and replenished groundwater for the season. Spring and summer in the Russian River Valley brought persistent fog and cold, with only a handful of days reaching above 90 F. Two brief heat spells (~104 F & 110 F respectively) caused havoc for thin skinned varieties like Chardonnay and Zinfandel. The cold growing season pushed harvest back nearly a month, and produced miniscule yields. The small—but exceptional—crop we harvested gave us grapes with crisp acidity and intense flavors.

Winegrower Notes

Our fifth release of the Rosé of Pinot Noir is a blend of fruit from both Russian River and Green Valley. It is produced primarily using the Saignée method in which a small amount of free run juice is separated from the grapes while the juice is still a light red or pink color.

Tasting Notes

This wine is a delightful accompaniment to a light summer lunch, a leisurely picnic, or a laid-back summer evening. Our Rosé has vibrant strawberry and late-summer watermelon aromas with echoing flavors, all supported by bracing acidity and a citrus-like finish.

Vineyard Sources

Dutton Manzana, Martaella,
Martinelli

Harvest Data

September 8 – October 1, 2010
Alcohol 14.0%
pH 3.29
TA 0.74

Fermentation

Saignée—free run juice

Cooperage

Barrel fermented in neutral barrels

Bottling

February 10, 2011

Cases Produced

91 cases

Release Date

March 2011