

2010 Vista Verde Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Black cherry, plum, rose petal, mocha, and exotic spice combine to give this wine a very pretty nose. This is an extremely well-balanced wine with a very long finish. Fresh acidity brings your mouth to life, helping to express raspberry and black cherry fruit flavors while enhancing the wine's rich tannins. Crème brulee, spice and dark chocolate linger on the back of the palate. The fruit, acid and tannin balance of this wine will ensure it has a long life. Entry is sweet and broad with black cherry and cherry skin flavors and focused acidity. Mocha and allspice round out the finish on this very elegant Pinot Noir. This should age very well over the coming 5-7 years. —*Director of Winemaking Bob Cabral*

THE VINEYARD

Vista Verde Vineyard is located a couple miles southeast of Hollister, California, near the small town of Tres Pinos in San Benito County. This heavy limestone vineyard is separated into blocks that include clones such as Calera, Canada, and Pommard.

HARVEST 2010

The 2010 vintage produced wines reflective of each individual vineyard site and appellation with concentrated aromas, rich fruit flavors, nicely balanced acidity and supple tannin structure. The hallmark of the 2010 vintage is one of extremes; between cool, early season temperatures and extreme late season heat, wines of tremendous character were made through careful attention to detail.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 63% new oak, 37% 1-year-old Barrel Aged: 16 months pH: 3.51 TA: 0.66 g/100mL Alc: 13.8% Released Fall 2012 \$56



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