

Darms Lane 2010 Pinot Noir Russian River Valley

Technical Notes:

Blend: 100% Pinot Noir Appellation: Russian River Valley

Aging: 10 Months - French Oak Production: 250 Cases

50% - New oak

Notes:

Known for its small production of estate grown Cabernet Sauvignon from the Napa Valley, Darms Lane Family is excited to release a long time dream - Pinot Noir from the Russian River Valley. Sourced from the Dutton Ranch, Barron Vineyard in the Green Valley, the 2010 vintage proved excellent despite a mid-August heat spell that damaged grapes in a number of North Coast Vineyards. Weather through September was near ideal for ripening the Pinot Noir which was picked on September 30, 2010. The grapes were destemmed and fermented in an open top tank using both punch downs and pumpovers to manage the extraction. After pressing, the wine was racked to barrel and the lees were stirred every two week during the first 3 months of barrel aging. The wine was then allowed to settle so it could be racked cleanly and bottled unfined and unfiltered the first week of September, 2011.

Wine Description:

Our inaugural Russian River Pinot Noir exhibits wild berry and cappuccino aromas. Fruit forward and mouthwatering, the palate features a mix of dark berries, fresh porcini, bacon hints and touches of tobacco. This wine is full-bodied, complex with a persistent finish. Enjoy on its own or with roasted poultry, grilled salmon or beef stews.

Suggested Retail Price: \$39