



2010 Wildcat Mountain Pinot Noir

Dark cherry, cola, spice, and sarsaparilla with light lilac top notes characterize this incredibly smooth Sonoma Coast offering. Tasting of pure ripe, candied fruit, this juicy, complex pinot tantalizes with vibrant acid and a lively pop. Expressive, layered and beautiful, this pinot just keeps evolving in the glass. It's another Sonoma Coast crowd pleaser.

\$46/bottle

Vineyard:

2010 was a notoriously difficult growing season in Sonoma County. After a record cold summer forced growers to cut back canopies, an unanticipated August heat snap shriveled overexposed fruit. A second heat spike in late September further concentrated sugar and flavors. However, the prolonged cooling resulted in great acid and phenolic ripeness without the record-high sugar levels seen in hot summers. 2010 was a great year to make wine!

Harvest:

The fruit for our 2010 Wildcat Mountain Pinot Noir was hand harvested on October 5, 2010. The grapes were hand-sorted and de-stemmed to 100% whole berry the same day. Our allocation included 0.844 tons of clone 828. The truck sample yielded the following measurements:

°Brix: 28.0

pH: 3.46

TA: 10.5 g/L

Fermentation:

On October 9, 2010, following a 5-day cold soak, we inoculated the must with RC212. Minor acid and water additions were required since the September heat pushed the sugar higher than anticipated. The juice sped through fermentation without complications. The dry wine was drained from macrobin to tank on October 14, 2010 and pressed with 90% free run on October 15, 2010. We inoculated for secondary fermentation in barrel using *Oenococcus Oeni* Viniflora CH16.

Barrel Aging:

The wine was aged for 10 months in 50% new French oak from Remond, Medium Toast.

Blending:

Our small allocation of Wildcat Mountain fruit is 100% clone 828.

Bottling:

We bottled this wine on August 2, 2011. The wine was aged in bottle for three months prior to our December 11, 2011 release date.

About Bruliam Wines

Bruliam Wines is a boutique producer of single vineyard premium wines. Established in 2008 by Kerith and Brian Overstreet, "Bruliam" is an amalgamation of our three children's names. We strive to craft world class wines and use 100% of our profits to support charitable endeavors. Since our 2008 inception, Bruliam has donated to over 30 unique, charitable organizations selected by our followers through our "Bruliam Brigade" program. We've extensively documented our start-up and on-going growth on our blog. For more information, please visit us at www.bruliamwines.com.