

MARTIN RAY WINERY

2010

Pinot Noir

RUSSIAN RIVER
VALLEY

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL

100% Pinot Noir

RELEASE DATES

October 2011

BRIX AT HARVEST

24.8

TOTAL ACIDITY

0.54%

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3.62

ALCOHOL

14.5%

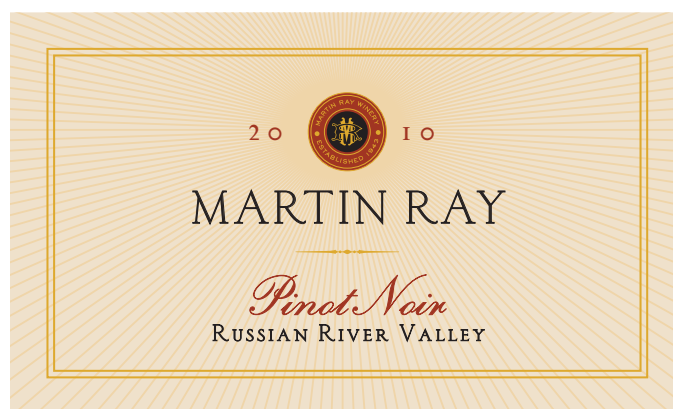
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Great wine lights a fire in the soul.

—MARTIN RAY

THE VINEYARDS The Martin Ray 2010 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir is produced from selected vineyards in the acclaimed cool climate Russian River Valley wine region. These vineyards produce grapes of exceptional quality and berries with bright flavors and beautiful color. Grapes harvested from the rolling hills of the Russian River Valley offer a wide range of flavors and fruit characteristics due to the microclimates created in the valley landscape with a maritime influence.

VINTAGE NOTES The 2010 harvest was one of the strangest growing seasons on record. This long, slow, cold season had us about 3–4 weeks behind schedule and a small window of time to bring in all the fruit. Although the season has been bizarre, this will be the harvest of “super berries.” Due to moderate ripening at cool temperatures, the grapes have retained good levels of acid so we have very balanced fruit that has achieved ripeness at lower brix. Therefore, we have lower yields of fruit, with lower alcohol and sugar levels, great color and amazing flavors.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES Our Russian River Valley Pinot Noir is aged for 8 months in French oak barrels. This oak driven Pinot Noir the color of bright red apples has surprising aromas of sweet earthy truffle and dried wild berries with good dimension. Supple and pleasant bright flavors of raspberries and strawberries with nice fruit buoyancy that finishes round and soft..

FOOD & WINE PAIRING Grilled salmon steaks with olive oil and orzo, mushroom risotto or butternut squash would be a perfect match for our Pinot Noir.