



2010 Pioneer Series Pinot Noir

Winemakers Tasting Notes

The wine exhibits a rich dark ruby colour, exotic aromas of spice together with primary fruit flavours of raspberry, rhubarb and blackcurrant. The wine possesses a wonderful intensity of flavour, characterized by rich fruit, ripe tannins and earth. The finish is long, welcoming and very smooth, as has been the style of our Pioneer Series Pinot Noir since the first vintage of this wine in 2006. We recommend you enjoy this wine on its own, or served with a variety of foods such as chicken, lamb, venison or salmon.

Winemaker

David Grant (NZ)

Harvest Date

Handpicked and sorted in April/May 2010

Vineyards

Primarily Pioneer & Hillview

Wine Analysis

Alcohol 13.5%, TA 5.6g/l, RS <1gm

Production

1,500 cases

Winemaking Notes ~ Very high quality Pinot Noir grapes from our Pioneer Vineyard and selected other blocks were destemmed and lightly crushed in to tank for a cold soak period of about 12 days.

Primary fermentation took place at warm temperatures, and we 'pumped over' several times a day.

Our oak regimen continues to last approximately 11 months in order to support the exceptional fruit characters we achieve from our Alexandra based vineyards. The wine was lightly filtered before bottling.

Suggested Retail ; \$25

