

produced in California.

2010 produced just over two tons of fruit per acre and was a vintage that appears to be slightly more intense and have a higher ceiling than 2009. The 2010 Chardonnay Three Sisters reveals plenty of candle wax, white



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length and purity as well as a palate that builds incrementally. Slightly more tannic, backward and reserved than the more exuberant and flamboyant Blue Slide Ridge, this loaded 2009 should be forgotten for another 1-2 years and drunk over the following 15+.

Pinot Noir Three Sisters reveals an amber edge to its color, laceousness and leanness, and seems very evolved. For a lighter wine, it is not as exciting as one normally expects. It is red and pleasant with attractive underbrush, red and black plum notes. Drink it over the next 4-5 years. The medium to dark ruby/plum-colored 2010 Pinot Noir Blue Slide Ridge has a blue fruit spectrum along with some raspberries, fish and spring flowers, a layered mouthfeel, more pronounced than the explosive 2009 exhibited, outstanding ripeness and freshness. This is clearly a grand cru site owned by the winery. It should drink well for 5-7 years. Not surprising, the 2010 Pinot Noir Masia Unfiltered is purple-colored to the edge, it has a medium body, a medium tannin and a hint of raspberry. The 2010 Pinot Noir Russian River is the full-bodied flavor of the Russian River, but with more personality than the northern California Pinot Noir. The 2010 Pinot Noir Russian River is a medium to full body, and terrific purity as well as length. Made in a traditional European style, this wine offers a good example of how to use wood as a subtle seasoning without obliterating the wine's beautiful fruit. It should drink well for 3-4 years.

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One of California's finest value wineries receiving favorable reviews in this issue. Marimar Torres has a fondness for the non-vintage blend, but the 2010 Pinot Noir has soared since then, but the 2010 Pinot Noir remains remarkably high. The 2010 Pinot Noir represents 90,000 cases, a significant volume for a boutique winery. The 2010 Pinot Noir is more of a traditional European style, but the 2010 Pinot Noir is a medium to full body, and terrific purity as well as length. Made in a traditional European style, this wine offers a good example of how to use wood as a subtle seasoning without obliterating the wine's beautiful fruit. It should drink well for 3-4 years.

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