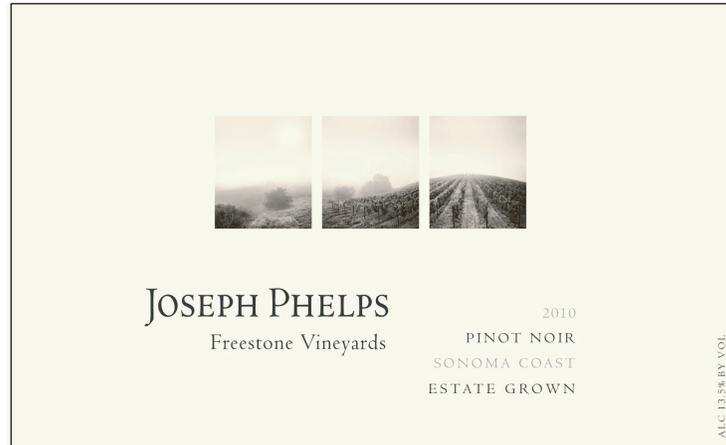


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Joseph Phelps Pinot Noir, Freestone Vineyards, Sonoma Coast 2010

Winemaking Data

Harvest Dates: September 28 - October 12, 2010.

Blend: 100% estate-grown Pinot Noir from our Freestone Vineyards (51% Quarter Moon Vineyard and 49% Pastorale Vineyard).

Aging: 14 months in 55% new and 45% two- to three-year-old French oak barrels before bottling on February 13, 2012.

Winemaking Notes: With the small to medium sized Pinot Noir clusters, fewer whole clusters were used in this year's fermentations. Regular punch downs produced a finished wine that is fresh and lively with spice and mineral characteristics of the western Sonoma Coast's cool climate.

This wine fills the senses with pleasing aromas of cassis, dark plum, dried herbs and earthy notes of cedar and forest floor. A silky mouth feel and lingering flavors of black cherry, allspice, wild mushrooms and black tea mingle with hints of toasty vanilla bean and Freestone's characteristic tangerine peel. Bright acidity and balanced tannins create a captivating Pinot Noir with a long, rich finish.

Growing Season: The 2010 season started with modest rainfall and cool to moderate daytime temperatures. Budbreak was nearly complete in the Pinot Noir vineyards by the middle of March. The unusually extended frost season lasted from April into late May but caused little damage throughout the Pinot Noir vineyards, due to the elevation and hillside slope. Cold air naturally continued its journey to the valley below. Bloom was completed by early June. Veraison began the second week of August and the majority of all blocks were complete by August 25th. The quality of the grapes looked excellent leading up to harvest and a warming trend in the latter half of September completed the ripening needed throughout the vineyards. Picking began on September 28th and finished well before the late October heavy rains descended on the region.

The 2010 Pinot Noir growing season was slow and cool, producing exceptional fruit with uniform sugar and acid levels, making for ideal natural winemaking conditions. The finished wines are balanced and fresh with a distinctly Freestone spice element.

Review: 93 Points, "This shows the power and purity of the winery's coastal Pastorale and Quarter Moon vineyards... It's very fine, complex and enjoyable now." - *Wine Enthusiast*, Dec. 31, 2012.