



Fourth Estate Wines
2010 Pinot Noir
La Cruz Vineyard
Sonoma Coast

From this acclaimed vineyard managed by Keller Estate comes an elegant and food-friendly Pinot Noir in the tradition of the Cote de Nuits.

Vintage characteristics: We countered the cool weather of the 2010 growing season by limiting watering near harvest and allowing fruit to hang on vines longer, while monitoring acidity to preserve desired levels. The result is a silky, balanced and feminine wine that we think will be age-worthy.

Clones: 66% La Tache, 34% Swan

Average Brix at Harvest: 25.7

Fermentation regime: 100% punch-down fermentation in one-ton lots. Seven-day cold soak, 11-day fermentation, extended maceration.

Barrel Regime: Barrel aged for 11 months in 100% French oak, 35% of which was new (Cadus, Remond, Dargaud & Jaegle.)

Total production: 110 cases

Alcohol: 14.5%

Release date: October 2012

Winemaker notes: The La Tache and Swan clones produce red fruit and floral notes underpinned by the minerality and structure of the La Cruz terroir. The fruit flavors and a bright acidity predominate now in a complex, evolving wine with the potential to last for years.