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Ten Acre Van der Kamp

Pinot Noir

Van der Kamp Vineyard is one of the oldest and most acclaimed sites on Sonoma Mountain. At an elevation of 1,200 feet, the vineyard is also the highest on the mountain, with spectacular panoramic views. Though the oldest vines on the site date back to the 1960s, the vineyard also features more youthful plantings, including the finest Dijon clones.

The 2010 Vintage of this wine was vinified with balance firmly in mind. Indigenous yeast was used, and punch-downs were performed twice daily during fermentation after a five-day cold soak. This resulted in a wine that is both structured and elegant.

The Van der Kamp pinot noir is supple in texture, with flavors of dark red fruit and sweet earthy spice. Its rustic, Old World stylings are evident in the substantial backbone of fine tannins that support this delectable wine.

Appellation: Sonoma Mountain

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Clones: Dijon 777 and 828

Planted: Various, as early as 1960s

Yield: 1.5 to 2 tons per acre

Soil: Red volcanic

Climate: Relatively cool north-facing mountain location

Cooperage: 100% French oak: 33% new, 33% 1-year-old, 33% 2-year-old; blend of Tonnellerie

pH: 3.7

Acid: 5.5

Alcohol: 14.3%

Production: 150 cases