



2010 Estate Pinot Noir - *Terraces* *Estate Small Lot Collection - Sta. Rita Hills*

The 2010 Terraces demonstrates its trademark exotic and almost ethereal attributes yet seen through the lens of the dark and ripe nature of the vintage. 100% whole clusters were employed in this release, which serve not only to anchor the richness of fruit but also to amplify the spicy and high toned aspects of the finished wine. The three undulating slopes of Terraces wrap 120 degrees around Carrie's block where they lie completely exposed to the elements and face severe wind pressure, several sun exposures, and challenging drainage issues. Terraces is a 4.9 acre block planted on clay - rich loam and calcareous shale soils. It is planted to five different clones of Pinot Noir: Swan, Mount Eden, 115, 667 and 777, making for a unique combination of older California field selections and newer Dijonnaise clonal material. Yields were 1.5 lbs/vine (1.2 tons/acre.)

Stephen Tanzer: 93 points

Robert Parker: 91 points

Wine Spectator: 91 points

tasting notes: *Dark crimson in color, aromas of juniper, green peppercorn and gingerbread immediately emerge from the glass. As the wine opens, intriguing spice and herbal notes of cumin, tarragon, white pepper and mint are revealed. The mouth feel is aggressive while possessing grace and finesse with a savory, lingering finish.*

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills

100% Pinot Noir

Cases Produced: 448

Clones: 115, 667, 777, Swan, Mount Eden

Elevage: Aged in neutral barrel (5 to 12 year old French oak)

Fermentation: 100% whole cluster

Alcohol: 15.2%

Release Date: 03.16.12