

De Ponte Cellars



Vintage: 2010

Estate: De Ponte Estate Vineyard

Region: Dundee Hills

Name: De Ponte Cellars Dundee Hills Pinot Noir

Grape: 100% Pinot Noir

Aging Potential: 7-9 years, properly cellared

Data: Alcohol - 13.5%
20% aged in new French oak for 12 months, the remainder aged in 2-5 yr old French oak

Soil Type: Jory soil

Production: 1,517 cases (750 mL), 143 cases (375 mL),
42 cases (1.5 L), 10 bottles (3 L)
5 bottles (5 L)

Vintage Notes:

We started out with a very cool, wet spring that affected fruit set, one major cause of the vintage's low yields. As the season progressed, we went thru one of the wettest, coolest summers on record. The grapes were really far behind, and even in early September, there was fear of a very late harvest. Then, September and early October exploded with sunshine and warm days! The fruit quickly caught up and we enjoyed long hang time through mid October. In late October the rains were in the forecast, and harvest began in a hurry. By the time the rain hit, each of the vineyards had been picked with excellent sugar levels that ended up creating moderate alcohol with excellent flavor development and mouth feel.

Tasting Notes:

This Pinot Noir shows a distinctive nose with plenty of raspberry and floral aromas, specifically violet and jasmine. Clean, pure and balanced, this wine is already seductive thanks to its palate of fresh fruit combined with hint of mint and caramel, giving it a long delightful finish. The 2010 DH has all the typical elegance of its appellation. Beautiful to enjoy now, but this wine will continue to improve with bottle age as well.

