

# De Ponte Cellars



*Vintage:* 2010

*Estate:* De Ponte Vineyard & Lonesome Rock Ranch Vineyard

*Region:* Willamette Valley

*Name:* Clay Hill Pinot Noir

*Grape:* 100% Pinot Noir

*Aging Potential:* 3-5 years, properly cellared

*Data:* Alcohol - 13.0%  
20% aged in new French oak for 12 months, the remainder aged in 2-5 yr old French oak

*Soil Type:* Jory soil

*Production:* 650 cases (750 mL)

## *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:*

The 2010 Clay Hill shows nice aromas of fresh cherry with floral accents framed by warm touches of vanilla and caramel. Light bodied, clean and bright, this wine drinks effortlessly and has a lovely cotton candy finish.

## *Food Pairings:*

Italian roast beef sandwiches, Coq Au Vin and Dijon mustard rubbed pork chops

