



## 2010 Patton Valley Vineyard Estate Pinot Noir Willamette Valley AVA

Harvest Dates:  
October 18-21, 2010

Elevage:  
10 months in 32% new  
French oak

Clones:  
Pommard, Wadenswil,  
Dijon clones 113, 114, 115,  
667, 777

Alcohol:  
13.2%

pH:  
3.68

Bottled unfinned and  
unfiltered.

1945 cases produced

Grapes sourced  
exclusively from our  
Certified Sustainable  
estate vineyard.

Patton Valley Vineyard  
is dedicated to the  
preservation of our  
finite resources, and  
employs sustainable  
practices in both the  
vineyard and the  
winery. As a result,  
we have earned  
Salmon Safe and  
LIVE certifications.  
We are proud to bear  
the Oregon Certified  
Sustainable logo.



### The Vintage

Variation of growing conditions from vintage to vintage is one of Oregon's greatest charms, resulting in distinctive wines every season. Mother Nature showed us one of her biggest swings going from the hot conditions in 2009 to one of the coolest growing seasons of the decade in 2010. Budbreak and bloom were later than normal, leading us to aggressively thin fruit to hasten ripening. Between thinning and hungry birds, our yields came in very low, nearly 25% below an average harvest. Thankfully, October produced a window of beautiful weather, allowing us to harvest fruit that produced elegant, sophisticated and textured wines, reminiscent of the lovely 2005 vintage.

### The Wine

The 2010 Patton Valley Pinot noir shows the alluring characteristics of cool-climate Pinot, with fruit and savory components playing off each other, all wrapped in an elegant package. Earth, spice, leather, tobacco, and coconut meld with red fruits to create a complex and exotic aromatic profile. In the mouth, this wine has more power than one might expect from a cooler vintage. Notes of earth, dark plum, and black pepper grace the palate. Sweet fruit and well-integrated soft tannins create the backbone for this wine's smooth and silky finish.

Delightful now, the 2010 Patton Valley Pinot noir has the balance and body to age beautifully for the next 10 years and beyond.