

LAYER CAKE



One Hundred Percent Pure

PINOT NOIR

VINTAGE 2010

Central Coast ~ California

ALC. 14.5% BY VOL.

750ML

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CENTRAL COAST - CALIFORNIA 2010

“My old grandfather told me the soils in which the vines lived were a layer cake. If properly made, the wine from these vines was like a delicious cake layered with fruit, mocha and chocolate, with hints of spice and rich, always rich. Never pass up a good Layer Cake.”

— A. Orlando Tribute, Jayson Woodbridge

Winemaker Notes:

The goal for our Layer Cake wines is to maintain distinct varietal correctness and expression of terroir with whatever wine we make. The Layer Cake Pinot Noir follows the same path, but Pinot Noir is a much more finicky grape. It can be very rewarding, and incredibly challenging, to make a wine that has good extraction, ripe rich flavors, complex yet delicate aromatics and fine balance on the palate.

With our 2010 Layer Cake Pinot Noir, we've achieved that goal and more. Fermented gently at cool temperatures to preserve aromatics, the wine was gently pressed and aged in French oak; partly new, but also much of it in our once-used Cherry Pie barrels. The result is a rich, delicious wine that screams Pinot Noir and fits right into the Layer Cake Wines line up.

Vineyard Notes:

Our Monterey vineyards at Arroyo Loma and Alta Loma border the Santa Lucia Highlands. Shallow granitic soils lend mineral characters and hi-toned aromatics to the wine. Warm morning sun, followed by cooling winds from Monterey Bay each afternoon, allows us to achieve full, rich flavors in the grapes, while maintaining good acidity so crucial to Pinot Noir.

Our Santa Barbara vineyards are in the steep hills surrounding Los Alamos in a canyon that leads directly to the Pacific Ocean. Sandy soils, bright sunshine and very cool ocean breezes combine to lengthen ripening and extend hang time, resulting in intense aromatics and great acidity.

Tasting Notes: This new addition to the Layer Cake portfolio, the Layer Cake Pinot Noir 2010, is highly aromatic and a rich and classic California Pinot Noir. It is loaded with bright red fruits, hints of spice and layers of dark berries, ripe plums and big juicy black cherries wrapped in a glycerol creamy mouthfeel. A touch of smoky earth lingers in the background with the faintest wisp of delicate tobacco.

Wine Facts:

- 100% Pure Pinot Noir
- 100% French Oak, 30% New
- 14.5% Alcohol

