

## 2010 MINERAL SPRINGS RANCH PINOT NOIR



- APPELLATION:** 100% Estate Grown & Bottled  
Yamhill-Carlton AVA  
Oregon Certified Sustainable Wine
- HARVEST:** October 19 - 22
- ELEVAGE:** 30% whole cluster fermentation  
14 months in French Oak, 50% new  
30 days extended maceration  
Racked only for assembly prior to bottling
- CELLARING:** At once classic and youthful with serious  
structure and long-term aging potential.  
Drink now through 2025.
- PRODUCTION:** 2,400 cases
- ALCOHOL:** 13.4%

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### THE VINEYARD

Mineral Springs Ranch is a 240-acre parcel of woodland and grazing land dotted with ancient Oregon white oak savannas. The entire property is operated as a certified sustainable farm, home to 500 sheep and a 30-acre planting of Pinot Noir that occupies the ridge top and adjacent slopes at an elevation of 400 feet. These vines are rooted in ancient sedimentary soils derived from fractured marine sandstone. The combined effect of superb exposure, elevation, excellent drainage and the cool north-western Oregon climate create the potential for consistently great wines. There is no doubt that experienced and dedicated farming, along with careful craftsmanship contribute to the result, but from its very first vintage this vineyard has expressed its own singular voice. The wines are compelling expressions of a place destined to be recognized as one of the great sites for new world Pinot Noir.

### TASTING NOTE

Our 2010 Mineral Springs Ranch Pinot Noir is a reflection of a classic Oregon vintage that delivered ample wines with both density and purity. The long, late growing season provided us with fully mature grapes that made a wine of convincing ripeness. Harvest was completed on October 22 and required the assistance of friends and family to bring in all the Estate fruit just prior to the onset of the Fall rains. Ruby red with brilliant clarity, this wine reveals characteristic Mineral Springs Vineyard aromas of spice, red raspberry and cranberry fruit and a classic Oregon earthiness. The entry is silken, even mouth-coating, and juicy, ripe berry flavors dominate the palate. Lively acidity reminiscent of height-of-the-season stone fruits and fine tannin are in perfect balance. Chocolate, earth and black fruits linger with pleasing persistence on a sleek framework.

### ACCOLADES

“Rose petal and geranium fascinatingly mingle with scents of cherry and almond. Look for at least a dozen years of delight from this polished beauty...”

- **93 points**  
The Wine Advocate

“Bright ruby-red. Heady aromas of candied red fruits, incense and cola, with suave floral nuances... This wine should age well on its balance.”

- **93 points**  
Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar