

2010 LONER PINOT NOIR - R10-a

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2010 Santa Rita Hills Pinot Noir
Produced & Bottled by Sanguis
Santa Barbara, California

750 ML ALC. 14.4% CONTAINS SULFITES

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John Sebastiano Vineyard

NOTES

If Sanguis is my playground where anything goes (the ‘maximalist project’), the wines bottled under the new ‘Loner’ designation are as stripped down and *minimalist* as it gets - from how they are made right down to the labels. ‘The Loners’ are varietal and vineyard-specific wines fermented on their indigenous yeasts with ample inclusion of whole clusters; there is no use of new oak, no racking, and of course no fining or filtration – oh, and they are Burgundian by lineage. Had someone suggested that I’d take this direction when I started making wine, I would have probably raised an eyebrow and shaken the head in dismissal – what can one say: ‘frequently wrong but never in doubt’ – but there are hundreds of different ways to arrive at the same end-result: Great Wine! So what these two share with the rest of the Sanguis wines is that they aim to be singular, expressive and beautiful.

Unlike Rhone or Bordeaux varietals, Pinot Noir wants to be a stand-alone entity – both beautiful and fickle, it does not like to mingle with others. More than any other red varietal, Pinot Noir also lives up to the somewhat romanticized idea of terroir wine (in my book that simply means wine that is made from varietals that are particularly impressionable and thus most heavily marked by their place of birth and upbringing). We had a chance to plant a few acres of pinot Noir at the stunning John Sebastiano Vineyard in Santa Rita Hills – one of those magical-marginal places where Pinot seems to perform at its best. It is a pure expression of this savage place – *strong yet delicate, expressive yet subtle, mysterious and charming – singular and beautiful*. [110 six-pack cases produced from 3.7 acres]

- Matthias Pippig | Winegrower

WINE STATISTICS

Varietals	Pinot Noir 100% (~ 30% whole cluster)
Vineyards	John Sebastiano Vineyard
Harvest Dates	October 1, 2010
Yields	0.2 tons / acre lbs/vine (too little to count)
Brix (at harvest)	24.5
Alcohol	14.4%
pH	3.55 / 3.66 (at harvest/final)
Barrels / Coopers	Seasoned Barriques
Barrel Aging	17 months
Rackings	None
Filtering / Fining	None
Bottled	February 2012
Production	55 cases
Release Date	April 2012
Suggested Retail Price	\$75