



SAINTSBURY

2010 BROWN RANCH PINOT NOIR



VINEYARD

Saintsbury purchased Brown Ranch in 1990. Originally a hayfield and Percheron horse farm, we planted 22 acres to Dijon and Pommard Pinot Noir clones. Our first harvest was in 1995. The Estate is located amid the rolling hills in the “banana belt” and is certified Napa Green.

Appellation: Carneros, Napa

Clones: Dijon 667 and Pommard

Terroir: A mix of loam and clay soil, with hillside locations ideal for drainage. Warm days and cool evening provide optimal growing conditions.

VINTAGE 2010

Characterized by a cool growing season which produced slow ripening, low-yielding, high quality fruit. An Indian Summer aided in the full and final development of the grapes on the vine, resulting in optimal fruit coming in at Harvest.

Harvest Date: September 26th & October 1st and 6th

WINEMAKING

After night harvesting, the fruit from Brown Ranch travels just a few miles down Old Sonoma Road to Saintsbury. From there, each block remains separate and receives gentle handling starting on the sorting table and into small open top fermentation.

Aging: 10 months in 30% new French oak barrels (François Frères and Taransaud)

Alcohol: 14.5%

Case Production: 683

TASTING NOTES

Savory aromas of mushroom, cedar and cigar box, which lead to dark cherry and mulberry. Silky smooth entrance with flavors of sage and thyme and layers of rich dark cherry and French roast.

Pairings: Game, Duck, Lamb and Rich Stews.

REVIEWS

92pts “Editor’s Choice,” Wine Enthusiast, 6/2013 92pts, International Wine Cellar/ Steve Tanzer, 9/2012

“A Napa Wine Producer We Love,” Food & Wine Magazine, 1/2013

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