

2010 LaRue Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

The 2010 LaRue Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir is solely from the Rice-Spivak vineyard, which is a seven acre vineyard southwest of the town of Sebastopol. The soils on this vineyard are Goldridge sandy loam along with volcanic ash. The Goldridge is very common for the area, while the volcanic ash is

quite unusual. This distinctive soil profile along with the clonal selections of Dijon and Swan creates a wine that is balanced with good acidity, fresh aromas and unmistakable minerality.

Production: 310 cases

Aged for 16 months in French Oak (40% new)

Alcohol: 13.2%

Winemaker's Tasting Notes

This wine begins with aromas of sweet cherry, creamy blueberry, black cranberry, and violets, with subtle notes of rose petals, tea box, and nutmeg-cinnamon spice. On the palate, flavors of candied strawberry, red plum, spicy minerality, and cranberry compote complement a lively, yet balanced acidity. There is a seamless quality to this wine that carries the weight from entry to finish.



Reviews

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

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2010 Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast "Good medium red. Captivating pungent lift to the aromas of raspberry, red cherry, cola, underbrush, rose petal and orange peel." **92 Points**

San Francisco Chronicle by Jon Bonne

August 19, 2012

<u>2010 Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast</u> "Dense and packed with exotic dried-herb notes, this forthcoming release shows the tart red fruit you'd expect from Occidental's chill in a cool vintage. A fantastic clarity of Pinot flavors."



Our Story

LaRue. To some a beautiful name, to one woman a pesky given name that she never cared for. Veona LaRue Newell was a very special woman. She was a woman who lived through the Depression with four small children. She was the great-grandmother of owner and winemaker Katy Wilson. She never

let a thing get her down and stayed witty even at 97 years old. She was and continues to be an inspiration.

Veona LaRue was a firm believer that if you put your nose to the grindstone, then you will be able to accomplish almost anything. With her as a role model, Katy worked her way from being a small town farm girl to earning her Bachelor's Degree in both Wine & Viticulture and Agricultural Business from Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. She then went on to work at wineries such as Joseph Phelps, Torbreck,



Craggy Range, Flowers and now Kamen. During her time at Flowers, she fell in love with the Sonoma Coast and truly developed a passion for making pinot noir. It is with this passion that she has made LaRue Wines.

