



2003 SEA SMOKE 'TEN' PINOT NOIR



WINEMAKING: Grapes were hand-sorted and gently de-stemmed with no crushing; 'jack stems' were removed by hand. The must was cold-soaked in open-top fermenters for one to four days (depending upon the lot), then inoculated with a cultured yeast to begin a slow fermentation. Each tank was manually punched down one to three times per day over a period of 16 plus days; some tanks underwent a longer maceration period of up to 28 days. Upon completion of primary fermentation, and the desired number of maceration days, all free-run wine was transferred to tank for settling. Pressing was done at extremely low pressure (0.08 bars) to avoid extracting bitterness from the seeds. After settling overnight, both the free-run and the press wines were racked cleanly to separate barrel lots. The final blend includes favored lots with high extraction and intensity of flavor. The wine was aged for 20 months in 100 percent new French oak barrels and was bottled without filtration.

CHARACTER: Our second vintage of Ten is a darkly colored and substantial wine. It is slow to develop in the glass, ultimately revealing aromas of dark plum, black cherry and currants, along with notes of cedar and a hint of earthiness. Remarkably rich in texture, the wine maintains good balance across the palate and culminates in a firm, but velvety finish. We recommend decanting this wine thirty to sixty minutes prior to drinking, particularly if consumed before 2007.

APPELLATION	<i>Santa Rita Hills</i>
COMPOSITION	<i>100% Pinot Noir</i> <i>(Grown exclusively on Sea Smoke's Estate Vineyard)</i>
ALCOHOL	<i>14.5% by volume</i>
PH	<i>3.53</i>
TOTAL ACIDITY	<i>0.64g/100ml</i>
BRIX AT HARVEST	<i>25.4</i>

RELEASE DATE *October 2005*

SUGGESTED RETAIL *66 U.S. dollars*

