



Martin Ray

VINEYARDS AND WINERY

2010 RESERVE SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

THE VINEYARDS

The Martin Ray Reserve Santa Cruz Mountains Cabernet Sauvignon is the union of two distinguished mountaintop vineyards: Cooper-Garrod Vineyards and Fellom Ranch. The Cooper-Garrod Vineyard is made up of adobe clay mixed with gravel that produces rich, concentrated fruit. Fellom Ranch, located on Monte Bello Ridge, has shallow, stony soils that control vine growth and yield relatively small berries with intense flavors and structure. Both vineyards enjoy morning and evening fog coupled with long growing seasons, allowing grapes to reach maturity with deep color and concentrated flavors.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2010 harvest was one of the most challenging harvests on record. This long, slow cold season put us about 3-4 weeks behind schedule and left us with a very small window of time to bring in the fruit. Yet in the end, 2010 produced grapes of exceptional quality. Due to moderate ripening at cool temperatures, the grapes retained good levels of acidity, which resulted in very balanced fruit that achieved ripeness at lower brix. We had lower yields, with optimum alcohol and sugar levels, great color and amazing flavors.

WINEMAKING NOTES

After hand harvesting and sorting, we gently crushed the grapes and let them ferment in open top tanks for two weeks, creating rich structure in the wine. We then aged the wine for thirty months in a blend of new and neutral French oak barrels to further intensify complexity and character.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is as eclectic and unique as the mountains from which it comes. The distinct bouquet showcases black cherries, plum and Christmas spices. The palate is fruit forward with hints of liqueur and caramelized soy sauce, with a long finish of rich, round tannins.

Varietal Mix

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation

Santa Cruz Mountains

Vineyards

Cooper-Garrod Vineyards
Fellom Ranch Vineyards

Release dates

March 2014

Alcohol: 14.7%

pH: 3.86

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