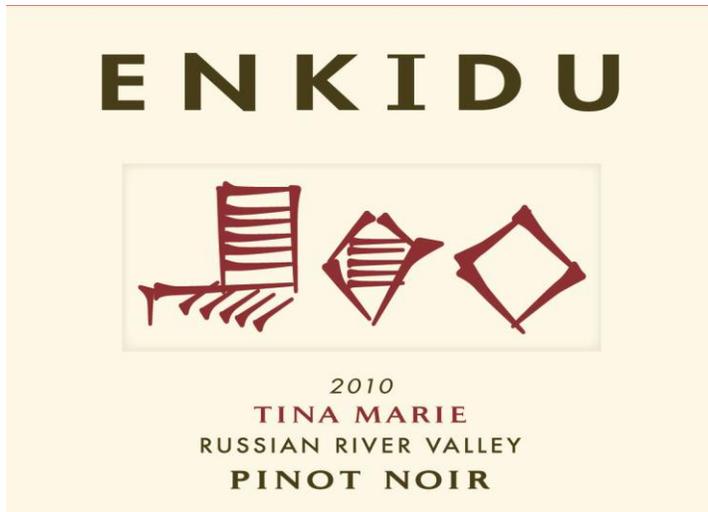


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2010 Tina Marie Pinot Noir



What we think:

Perhaps the finest Tina Marie to date, and definitely the most precocious. Creamy and weighty on the palate. Very long and sexy on the palate with white chocolate, black cherry, toasted oak, and brown spice flavors. A mélange of almond shell, butterscotch, Blackberry, espresso and cinnamon round out the aromatic profile. The 2009 may be the classic, slower to evolve, silent, strong type, while the 2010 rides in on a four-horse chariot. An incredible explosion of fruit and non-fruit aromas exclaiming, "Here I am!" With all of its weight there is a wonderful balance with an acidity which really lengthens the finish.

Harvest: Sept. 27, 2010

Brix: 26°

Clones: 115, 667, 777

pH: 3.59

T.A.: 5.95 gms/L

Cooperage: French Oak, 33% new

Bottled: February 1, 2012

130 Cases Produced

Place and vine:

The Tina Marie vineyard is situated in the blessed Pinot Noir appellation of Green Valley, a sub-appellation of Russian River Valley located NW of Sebastopol. The 11 acre vineyard is planted to Dijon clones 115, 667 and 777. Coastal fog visits most days until September, and burns off late morning moderating the summer sun. Wines from the RRV often show great structure with rich, spicy fruit and a solid core in the mid-palate. In 2010, we once again we experienced a very late bud-break, and a very cool summer, which led to a pick date three weeks later than 2009. With the longer hang time the 2010 Tina Marie PN achieved incredible complexity and seductive character.

What we did:

The alter ego to our Petite Sirah, we employ minimalist techniques with our Pinots. We added 20% whole clusters to the whole berry, de-stemmed fruit, which then underwent an four-day cold soak, involving a daily gentle pump over of the juice. Once fermentation began we punched down twice daily until fermentation was complete. After a five-day extended maceration we pressed to French oak barrels, 33% new. Before bottling we racked once, and after only 15 months in barrel the Tina Marie was bottled.