# BROPHY CLARK™

*Working with small lots, John and Kelley Brophy are able to handcraft each wine and personally handle all phases of the winemaking process. Vineyard blocks are hand-selected by Kelley and John tailors winemaking techniques to each lot, bringing to life the varietal character and vineyard expression of the fruit.*
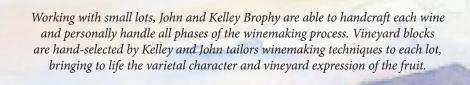
**2010**

*pinot noir*

## HARVEST

Santa Barbara County began the growing season with cool, dry days. By late August temperatures warmed up significantly and harvest started earlier than expected. The long, cool summer followed by the warmer weather during harvest allowed for excellent color and flavor development along with larger yields than the previous two vintages.

## VINEYARDS

This Santa Barbara County Pinot Noir is a blend of two vineyards. The primary vineyard is the Loma Verde Vineyard in Los Alamos. It is a vineyard of gently sloping hills and cool morning fog that warms nicely during the day for excellent flavor and color development. 80% of the blend came from this vineyard and consists of clones 667, 115, 777. About 40% of the finished wine came from the Sierra Madre Vineyard, one of the original Santa Maria Valley Vineyards. It was purchased by the Robert Mondavi Winery in the late 90's and was redeveloped with the newly released Dijon clones of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.

## WINEMAKING

The Pinot Noir grapes were hand harvested into half-ton bins and crushed into temperature controlled tanks. Following a two-day cold soak that promoted excellent extraction of color, aroma and flavor, the lots were inoculated with Assmanshausen yeast to initiate the cool primary fermentation. Additional extraction was achieved by gently pumping over the wine 4-5 times daily until approximately 8 degrees Brix, then only once a day until dry. After pressing, the wine was transferred to small French oak barrels to undergo malolactic fermentation and then aged in oak for 16 month.

## TASTING NOTES

This 2010 Pinot Noir is a pleasant, medium ruby wine with aromas and flavors of ripe cherry and raspberry with a hint of vanilla and a smooth, soft, supple finish.

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| Varietal | 100% Pinot Noir | TA | .56 g/100 ml |
| Appellation | Santa Barbara County | pH | 3.59 |
| Vineyard | Loma Verde & Sierra Madre | Alcohol | 13.8% |
| Harvest | October 2010 | Bottling date | December 28, 2011 |
| Oak Aging | 16 Months | Production | 2665 cases |

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