



FRANCIS COPPOLA DIRECTOR'S

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS OF SONOMA COUNTY

"What's amazing about Sonoma County is that it's one of only a few appellations in the world that offers a diverse range of microclimates that can accommodate both cool climate varieties such as Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, as well as warm weather varieties like Cabernet and Merlot."

—Corey Beck, Director of Winemaking

2010 FRANCIS COPPOLA DIRECTOR'S CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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| APPELLATION:..... Sonoma County | ◆◆◆◆◆ | RELEASED: June 2012 |
| BLEND: 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc, 4% Syrah, 1% Petit Verdot | ◆◆◆◆◆ | BARREL REGIMEN: 60% French oak,40% American oak; 20% new barrels |
| ALCOHOL: 13.7% | ◆◆◆◆◆ | SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$21.00 |

HISTORY

Several years ago when the Coppola family opened the doors to its wine and food destination in Sonoma County, California, the winemaking team was asked to create a series of wines that would reflect its own artistic interpretation of Sonoma County.

These signature wines pay homage to California's two greatest art forms: filmmaking and winemaking. Both require artistic vision and top notch raw materials, whether it's the land or the script. Director's is comprised of varieties grown across the varied microclimates of Sonoma County, and blended together to showcase the distinct Sonoma County style. Director's Cut, on the other hand, showcases limited production wines grown in sub-appellations that produce very specific and recognizable terroir traits.

By blending fruit from a variety of geographic climates within Sonoma County, our Director's wines are able to offer lush, ripe fruit flavors, a light silky texture, and soft, supple tannins.

VINTAGE

2010 was a late harvest year, where the fruit didn't reach full maturity until weeks later than normal due to chilly spring temperatures and a mild summer. It wasn't until late fall that the weather warmed up, which allowed the grapes to hang on the vines much longer than normal. The beauty of extended hangtime is that the Cabernet develops greater flavor concentration and fully mature tannins.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Because Sonoma County possesses so many different microclimates and terroir variations, the virtue of our Director's wines lies in the blending process. Our Cabernet Sauvignon is made from several clonal selections grown in multiple vineyards that have distinctly different soil compositions, elevations and climates. This year we also added a small percentage of other Bordeaux varieties as well as a tiny bit of Syrah to diversify and enhance the palate and aromas.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2010 Director's Cabernet Sauvignon delivers notable impressions of blackberries, currants, and cherries layered with vanilla toasted oak, fragrant spices and a hint of leather. Well balanced with supple tannins, enjoy this wine with barbecued turkey legs, beef stew or homemade mac & cheese.



—COREY BECK, WINEMAKER