

# FRANCIS COPPOLA RESERVE

WALLACE CREEK & ABBEY VINEYARDS • DRY CREEK VALLEY

2010 SYRAH



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In keeping with the Coppola promise to make every visit to the winery memorable and unique, we've created the Francis Coppola Reserve label—limited production wines that showcase distinctive vineyards from Sonoma's renowned appellations, and special winemaking techniques in the case of our rare dessert wines. Our head winemaker, Corey Beck, hand-selects exceptional lots of fruit from these prestigious vineyards for crafting small-batch wines including a unique late harvest Semillon and Petite Sirah "Port." Because these wines are produced in such limited quantities, they are reserved exclusively for winery guests, wine club members and those who shop with us online.

## THE LABEL

The artwork of film production designer Dean Tavoularis graces the labels of our FC Reserve wines. Tavoularis met Francis Coppola during the making of *The Godfather* and the two artists have continued to collaborate over the years on a variety of creative projects, including more than a dozen films, the courtyard and fountain at Inglenook in Napa Valley and the interiors and exteriors of the Francis Ford Coppola Winery in Sonoma.

## THE FRUIT

The 2010 season provided challenging weather conditions. After a chilly spring, we experienced mild temperatures throughout the summer, which required us to postpone harvest several weeks longer than normal so that fruit could reach full maturity. The upside to this is that when fruit hangs on the vine longer, it becomes more concentrated and aromatic. This year's fruit comes from the Wallace Creek and Abbey vineyards in Dry Creek Valley. The Wallace Creek Vineyard is situated at a higher elevation, which is consistently warmer than other nearby vineyards. Abbey Vineyard, located next door, experiences similar climactic influences. This factor, along with a high level of organic material in the alluvial silt and clay loam soils that mark the appellation, accentuates the jammy, dark fruit flavors of our Syrah.

## THE WINE

Because our FC Reserve Syrah in 2010 was not quite as dark and dense as it typically is, we blended in small amounts of Petite Sirah and Zinfandel to add a little more richness. Plush and well-textured, this wine offers sweet, juicy flavors of blackberries, plums, and currants along with distinctive briar notes, impressions of bittersweet chocolate, and generous spice from the toast on the barrels. Enjoy this wine on its own or with beef stew, pork shoulder or a sweet potato tart.

Appellation	Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Blend	82% Syrah, 15% Petite Sirah, 3% Zinfandel
Alcohol	14.5%
Aged	17 months in new French oak; 1 to 2-year-old French oak barrels

Corey Beck, Winemaker

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