

2010 AXIS MUNDI WINDMILL VINEYARD

GRENACHE (67%) AND SYRAH (33%)

Winemaking Philosophy: Philosophy is to make a 'session wine' for fun, affordable drinking at table or at social gatherings: a wine to play nice with food, not dominate flavors.

375 cases produced



COLOR: Light garnet with delicate pink meniscus. This is not a wine about saturated color, but of lightness and the elegant, spicy, 'pinot side' of Rhone Red blends.

NOSE: Bright, enticing, cherry and spice aromatics that are reminiscent of Santa Maria pinot noir with a hint of cranberry and primary grapey-ness that hints at cooler climate Grenache.

MOUTH: Bright, fruity, juicy, elegant and spicy. Delicious and juicy from entry to finish with very fine tannins, good acid and hints of delicate French oak in the finish. Shut up and drink it! Try as an aperitif, as an activity wine (golf bag?), or with savory pizza, sauteed mushrooms, sausages, burgers. Designed for comfort food, cheese and just sipping after work. Excellent when chilled and served as a summer red.

VINTAGE: 2010 defined by bright, elegant California red berry fruits and delicious spice notes with pinot noir levels of acidity/structure. This wine is like \$20 methadone for the \$40 Pinot Noir.

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CHEMISTRY: 14.2% alcohol • 3.55 pH • 7.4 g/l total acidity, full ML+

THE CLOS PEPE PHILOSOPHY

"We strive to produce wines that represent a time and a place. Great craft, whether painted, played or fermented, impresses not with an insistence that it be the sole focus of a room, but instead by its ability to integrate. I like to make wines that tell a story: a story of wind, fog, sunshine and a crew's attempts at perfection. This vineyard has as much potential for Chardonnay and Pinot Noir as we are willing to imagine and draw from it with passion and labor. In this sense I want the wines to be 'jazz' over 'heavy metal'— a reflection of craft embedded in an ever-changing environment instead of a homogenized attempt to kowtow to the gods of concentration." — Wes Hagen

"...the name Clos Pepe Vineyard on a bottle has become synonymous with quality. Think California Grand Cru quality."

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