



2010 NACHISE Rhône Blend

THE VINTAGE

2010 was a unique year for us. Mother Nature threw a couple of curve balls our way this year, which turned out to be a blessing in disguise. First, we suffered from some frost damage to our vineyards in May, which naturally reduced the crop load on both our white and red grapes, then after a heat spike or two in August, the ripening of the fruit was accelerated. The overall result lead to physiological ripeness achieved by less fruit on the vines, resulting in lower alcohol levels - thus darker, richer, riper, more balanced wines. We are very excited to share the wines of the 2010 vintage with you.

THE GROUNDWORK

This wine is our Rhône Blend. Using classic Rhône varietals; Syrah, Grenache, Petite Syrah and Mourvedre, to name a few, our winemakers take the time to taste each barrel before the final blend for Nachise is created. We want to show the best of the best in this wine, year after year. The final blend will change each year, but you can rest assured that the Nachise that we offer you will always be an outstanding wine in the classic style of the Rhône Valley.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This vintage of our flagship Rhône blend has nice range, with dark plum and blackberry fruit mixed with hints of anise, juniper and roasted mesquite. Good cut on the finish, with the toast well-embedded and framed by juicy acidity.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Great with any type of game, roast lamb and grilled vegetables.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Grapes: 47% Syrah, 19% Grenache, 15% Mourvedre, 14% Petite Syrah, 5% Counoise

Vineyards: Arizona Stronghold and Bonita Springs

Alcohol: 14.8%

Ageing: 10 months in 20% new-2yr French Oak, 80% Neutral Oak Barrels

Cases: 2130

Bottled: 8.1 - 8.2.2011

Winemakers: Eric Glomski and Tim White

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