

PINOTREPORT

for people passionate about western pinot noir

Ken and Akiko Freeman are both card-carrying Pinot fanatics. They launched Freeman Winery to produce singularly elegant Pinot Noir and, boy, have they achieved that goal. Guiding the winemaking efforts are Akiko Freeman, Winemaker Ed Kurtzman (also winemaker at Roar Wines and partner and winemaker at August West Wines) and Associate Winemaker Eric Buffington. The Freeman team has really dialed in on a beautiful, focused style of Pinot. Freeman Pinots are sourced from several Sonoma Coast and Russian River Valley vineyards including Guidici Vineyard, Keefer Ranch, O'Connor Vineyard, Rayhill Vineyard and Thorn Ridge. Pinot bottlings include regional Sonoma Coast and Russian River Valley blends, a vineyard designate from Keefer Ranch and the Akiko's Cuvee. The style is deep, lush, spicy fruit with great structure and silky, silky texture.



2010 Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley

Medium-deep ruby color; complex, cherry and spice aromas with a touch of forest floor; rich, lush dark cherry flavors with forest floor notes; silky texture; good structure and balance; long finish. A complex and well-built Pinot that's a little tighter than I'm used to for this bottling. Definitely give it a little additional air.



2010 Pinot Noir, Keefer Ranch Vineyard

Medium-deep ruby color; deep, black cherry and berry aromas with a touch of briary earthiness; deep, complex, forward dark cherry flavors with earthy notes; silky texture, sweet oak; good structure and balance; long finish. Deep and forward Pinot with layers of interesting flavors.