

2010 Joleté Pinot Noir

Winemaker: Jim Sanders - Aubichon Cellars, Le Cadeau Vineyard (Oregon)

Production: 274 cases

Vintage: 2010

Vineyard AVAs: Willamette Valley (Chehalem Mountains, Dundee Hills, Yamhill-Carlton)

Varietal: Pinot Noir

Clones: Dijon-115, Dijon-777, plus a Musigny selection and other traditional clones

Oak: 100% French oak (25% New)

Alcohol: 13.6%

Tasting notes: The cool weather of the 2010 vintage resulted in low yields and beautifully Burgundian Pinot Noir in Oregon. Joleté greets you with a luscious ruby-garnet hue and a subtle nose of ripe strawberries mingled with a touch of tobacco leaf. The palate opens with strawberry, raspberry, and focused tart cherry leading to a finish that shows refined hints of baking cocoa, cinnamon, and rose petal. This Joleté offering is a welcoming representation of an Old-World style vintage combined with a soft New-World texture.

About the winemaker: Jim Sanders focuses on small production, meticulously hand crafted wines. Jim is the winemaker for Aubichon Cellars and select cuvees in the Willamette Valley, including the highly rated Le Cadeau "Équinoxe."