

GOLD MEDAL WINE CLUB'S
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Stemmler Winery 2010 Estate Grown Pinot Noir Carneros



In 1976, a German expatriate named Robert Stemmler opened a winery in the Dry Creek Valley region of Sonoma County. He was a graduate of the famed Bad Kreuznach Wine College in his native Germany who had made his way to California in 1961. Upon reaching California, Stemmler was immediately employed at the Charles Krug Winery in Napa Valley and later at such noted wineries as Inglenook in Rutherford and Simi in Sonoma. Along the way, his reputation as a solid and foresighted winemaker continued to grow.

As Robert Stemmler Winery grew and prospered, Stemmler chose to explore the potentialities of his favorite varietal that had heretofore met with little acceptance in California, the soft and subtle and hard-to-grow Pinot Noir. His first releases were in 1982 and by 1984's vintage, critics were hailing the Robert Stemmler Pinot Noir as the "Best Pinot Noir in America."

In 1989, Stemmler retired and sold his winery to the German Racke family, who continues to run the winery today under the direction of resident winegrower / president Anne Moller-Racke. Moller-Racke's personal resume contains a solid wine background in production. She was formerly the director of vineyard operations for the iconic Buena Vista Winery for many years and is currently the president of another small winery, The Donum Estate. Stemmler Winery (shortened from "Robert Stemmler Winery" in 2008) is now a sister winery to The Donum Estate, and together they produce some of the best Pinot Noir in the state.

With the help of world-renowned winemaker Kenneth Juhasz (YOU hass), Moller-Racke has taken over the tradition of making world-class Pinot Noirs under the Robert Stemmler name. Accolades and critical praise have remained constant for over two decades and show no signs of abating. All this is quite rewarding to Anne Moller-Racke, who holds this winery near and dear to her heart and strives to produce the perfect Pinot Noir. Anne Moller-Racke was recently named the "Princess of Pinot Noir" by *Sonoma Magazine* and leads the industry with her passion, persistence, and unrivalled reputation.

Accolades & Tasting Notes

94 POINTS -Wine Enthusiast

Robert Stemmler's 2010 Carneros Estate Grown Pinot Noir comes entirely from 20-year-old vines planted on the winery's 45-acre Carneros estate. Winemaker Kenneth Juhasz chose to blend four different Pinot Noir clones to create this exuberantly ripe, deeply complex wine with an incredible mix of aromas. Ruby in color, the 2010 Carneros Estate Grown Pinot Noir has richness and elegance in perfect balance. Aromas of raspberry, blackberry, strawberry, and black pepper complement the rich palate of cherry and berry flavors with softer notes of rose petal and clove. Plush tannins round out the finish and flavors of rich berry linger. Aged 14 months in oak. 100% Pinot Noir. Enjoy now until 2018.

Retail Price at the Winery: \$44.00 /bottle

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