

2010 Y3 TAUREAU

JAX VINEYARDS, NAPA VALLEY This dark ruby, Bordeaux blend unveils aromas of dark cherry, cocoa, and a hint of anise. The Merlot (sourced from the Dry Creek Valley) provides a canvas for a balanced wine with soft fruit nuances and structured tannins.

THE STORY BEHIND THIS WINE

The name Taureau, was the name of the Jackson family's prized bull, legendary for his feisty, high-kicking and vibrant personality. When perfecting this wine at their blending session, the JAX team concurred that the character of their infamous bull reflected the structure and elements of this indulgent red blend... and what a perfect tribute to their family ranching legend.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2010 vintage got off to a slow start with rain early in the year and cooler weather throughout the growing season. Slower fruit maturation and lower yields produced a lean wine, with mouthwatering acidity and structured tannins. Despite, or due to, forces of nature, the 2010 Taureau has matured into a balanced Bordeaux-style blend with finesse, suitable for a wide variety of foods.

Our goal with this wine was to produce an approachable, everyday drinking wine that pairs with a range of foods. Balancing the Merlot beautifully, the earthy Cabernet Franc lends a savory characteristic with hints of anise while the Cabernet Sauvignon provides dark fruit and rich color.

SPECIFICATIONS

WINEMAKER

Rob Hunter

BLEND COMPOSITION

79% Merlot, Sonoma

12% Cabernet Franc, Napa

9% Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

APPELLATION

North Coast, CA

ALCOHOL

14.5%

