**Winemaker’s Tasting Notes**

***Scot Covington – Winemaker***

**Trione 2010 Russian River Valley Syrah**

River Road Ranch encompasses 115 acres in the epicenter of the Russian River Valley AVA. The well-drained soils and fog-cooled nights are ideal for Syrah, yielding grapes with exceptional depth and complexity. The fruit comes from a single vineyard block planted with clones #470 and #877. Vintage 2010 was a cool, extended growing season, allowing slow ripening and full flavor development. We hand-harvested eleven tons of fruit on October 21th, three weeks later than normal.

**Cases produced: 739**

**Suggested California** **retail price $32**

**Winemaking:**

We applied many of the labor-intensive techniques we use with Pinot Noir: fermentation in small, open-top tanks with a portion of whole berries, gently submerging the cap four times daily to extract maximum flavor and color. The whole berries contributed deep fruit character and complexity. We blended 5% Viognier for added floral aromatics.

**Winemaker Notes:**

The wine is concentrated with layers of flavor, the epitome of a cool climate Syrah. Rich, ripe aromas of plums, blackberries and a hint of earthiness unfold on the palate, revealing intense depth and balance. This Syrah is rich, velvety and complex, structured to age well and develop for the next 5 – 7 years.

Alcohol**:** 14.8

Total Acid:6.27 g/L

pH: 3.74

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