

(Koo-troot-ZOL-a)

2010 PINOT NOIR • GLORIA SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

ABOUT THE VINEYARD

Cutruzzola Vineyards is located in a coastal valley just outside the town of Cambria on California's Central Coast. We have two acres planted to Riesling and five acres to Pinot Noir on steep hillsides. We chose a cool-climate site that is ideal for Riesling and Pinot Noir. Stand in the vineyard, and on most days you'll be warmed by sunlight and cooled by ocean breezes.

2010 was a cool year for us that produced tiny clusters with tiny berries. Our harvest weight was half the weight predicted based on cluster counts done in early August. The small berry size amplified the skin to juice ratio, heightening the intensity of the wine.

Tasting Note: The ever-changing nose reveals spice, loam, black pepper, rose petals, red cherry and black tea. The palate conveys well-balanced spice and minerality, trimmed with plum and white pepper. The finish reveals spice with tea-like tannins and plum vying for the last word.

WINE STATISTICS

Oak 100% French Oak

Time in Oak 10 months

Alcohol 14.4%

TA 5.25g/L

pH 3.71

Bottled August 2011

Production 148 cases

