

2010 Leo Family Red

The 2010 Red is a mostly Merlot, with 8% Syrah, 4% Petit Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc and 1% Cabernet Sauvignon blended in. It was aged 18 months in a mixture of French and Eastern European oak (80% French), only 30% new. It comes in at 13.9% alcohol. This is just the second vintage of this wine. It is superb. Nicely crafted, refined and well balanced, it is admirable for its finesse, but it has plenty of depth and structure, too. Already going on five years old, it is youthful and vibrant. It should have many years of life in front of it—but let's be a little conservative and see what it does in the cellar over the next several years. There were 285 cases produced.

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- Mark Squires (June, 2015)