

2010 West Crest Cuvée



- 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 5% Malbec, 5 % Cabernet Franc, Dry Creek Valley AVA
- Harvested October 2010, bottled July 2012
- Aged 20 months in French oak barrels
- Alc 14.1%

West Crest Cuvée is a blend in the Bordeaux tradition pairing **Cabernet Sauvignon** with **Merlot, Malbec, Cabernet Franc**. Blending is one of the finer arts of winemaking and each vintage of this wine is a bit different, but with the same goal of a smooth and well-rounded wine rich in berry flavors as well as earthy and spicy notes. 2010 was a cool growing season resulting in smaller, more intense berry flavors and higher phenols than average. The wine was aged nearly two years in French oak barrels before being bottled.

Our Cabernet Sauvignon is grown on our hillside property in the north end of the valley, on west facing slopes high above the valley floor. The grapes get long, warm and sunny days to mature with full and complex flavors. The companion grapes for this Bordeaux blend are all growing close by and share the same micro climate.

West Wines is a family owned winery in Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County, where we started growing grapes 1998. Our winemaking style is inspired by French winemaking and we have been exporting wine to Europe since 2004. The grapes are hand harvested and meticulously sorted before crushing. We believe in sustainable practices such as minimizing the use of energy and water, utilizing solar power as well as natural agricultural methods.

Katarina Bonde is owner and winemaker and **Phyllis Zouzounis** consulting winemaker at West Wines. Phyllis began her winemaking career at Dry Creek Vineyards in 1980 and has been the winemaker at many prestigious wineries in Sonoma County. Katarina has blended a Winemaker's certificate from UC Davis with hands on experience at West Wines.