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The Winery

Based in the small Russian River Valley town of Sebastopol, Suacci Carciere Wines released its inaugural wines in 2006. The wines produced capture the owners' commitment to showcasing the small, artisan vineyards of the cool western Sonoma County wine growing region. Suacci Carciere Wines offer broad fruit flavors, fresh, crisp structure, and notable depth, complexity and texture. We hope you enjoy our wines as much as we enjoy crafting them.

Vintage Notes

2010 was probably the longest and coolest growing season in many years. It seemed like an eternity waiting for flowering and fruit set to finish. Flowering took more than a month in some of our vineyards, which is about twice as long as normal. As summer started to wind down, we were waiting for véraison to finish, and it finally did in late August. It, too, was a long process. What we were rewarded with was complex fruit that was balanced in flavor at low brix.

Winemaking Techniques

After harvesting both vineyards by hand, the grapes were brought to the winery where the fruit was hand sorted and then whole cluster pressed. The juice was fermented both in barrel and in stainless steel tanks. Natural and cultured yeasts were used for fermentation. At dryness, all of the wines were moved to barrels for malolactic fermentation and aging. The wine was aged in neutral and new French oak (28%) for 14 months before bottling.

Winemaker Notes

On the nose, hints of lemon curd, citrus peel, cream and tonic emerge from the glass and, with a little air, a pure, leesy chardonnay is exposed. The 2010 year produced wines of great complexity due to the long hang time and slow ripening. On the palate, the wine is rich, but has a racy, crisp framework.

APPELLATION

Sonoma Valley

COMPOSITION

28% *Keefer Ranch Chardonnay*
72% *Heintz Vineyard Chardonnay*

TIME IN BARREL

14 months

ALCOHOL

13.8%

TOTAL ACIDITY

0.61

pH

3.5

CASES PRODUCED

166

WINEMAKER

Ryan Zepaltas

PROPRIETORS

John Suacci & Andy Carciere