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2010 | Sangiacomo Roberts Road

Blagden is a small producer of Vineyard Designate Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays from the Petaluma Gap and Sonoma Coast and Cabernet Sauvignons from Moon Mountain and Napa Valley. Annual production is usually less than 500 cases and most lot sizes are no bigger than 200 cases. Not all grapes make it into the Blagden production as Catherine Blagden chooses only the best barrels for each vineyard designate blend, assuring the best quality wine from that vineyard. Catherine has an M.S. from UC Davis and has been making wine since 2003. Blagden's 2013 Sangiacomo Pinot Noir won the 11th Annual International Women's Wine Making Competition which was announced June 2018.

Tasting notes

Beautiful gold in color, this wine shows nectarine and creamy a la mode on the nose with mouthwatering green apple, juicy pear, lemon curd and nutmeg on the palate, balanced by a bright and refined citrusy finished. Retasted Jan 2018: this wine seems even more flavorful, yet surprisingly retains some of its youthfulness — its richness has increased in the ensuing years since first tasting. The aromatics are creamy and fresh and the palate shows lemon méringue pie and spicy, baked pear. The wine retains its long, mouthwatering and focused finish.

Balanced and complex, this wine is drinkable now, but should age nicely for another 10 or more years.

Vineyard notes

The Sangiacomo's Roberts Road Vineyard is a 130 acre vineyard; it is a well-drained site planted on a creek bed, initially planted in 1999. Because the fog can often remain until midday, the growing season is long and slow - allowing for nicely ripened fruit, with balanced sugars and acids allowing for complex flavor development. The vineyard is Certified Sustainable – CSWA - and grows cool climate Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. This is always one of our last vineyards to be picked.

Native fermentation in oak barrels, inoculated with Enoferm Alpha for 100% malolactic fermentation

Clone:

Old Wente

Root stock:

110R

Oak:

100% French, 40% new.
11 months in barrel

Harvested:

10/21/10

Bottled:

9/7/11

Produced:

130 cases

Finished wine

pH: 3.36

TA: 5.5 g/L

Alcohol: 13.3%

