



**DONATI FAMILY VINEYARD**

## **2010 Merlot**



### **Vineyard & Harvest**

The 2010 growing season was labeled “challenging” by many growers, but also promises elegant wines. A wet spring followed by a late start and long, cool growing season ending with a heat spike allowed our grapes to reach maturity.

### **Winemaking**

100% Stainless Steel Fermented  
Open top fermentation utilizing twice daily punch-downs

### **Aging**

100% Barrel Aged; 20 months; 17% New French Oak,  
78% Neutral French Oak, 5% Neutral American Oak

### **Tasting Notes**

Aroma: Aromas of chocolate and toast.  
Palate: Dark fruit notes with a lush mid-palate and soft tannin finish.

### **Harvest Notes**

Harvest Brix: 25.5 degrees

### **Bottling Notes**

Blend: 76% Merlot  
14% Cabernet Franc  
5% Petit Verdot  
5% Malbec

Appellation: Paicines  
Bottling Date: 6/26/12  
Alcohol: 14.4% Alcohol by Volume  
Cases Produced: 521 cases

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