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## The Chronicle recommends: Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

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### 2010 Freeman Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

*(\$44, 14.2%) Once again it's Freeman's appellation blend that surged ahead, in this case from a mix of five sites. While one-third is the robust fruit from Keefer Ranch, the combination helps give the wine extra pep. That isn't to overlook the earthy tones of wet soil and damp wood, but the flavors are vivacious: strawberry and pomegranate, and a mineral twinge. Credit a winemaking team of Ed Kurtzman and Akiko Freeman with finding just the right balance.*

## Pinot's promise, and peril, on the Sonoma Coast

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### 2010 Freeman Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

*(\$44, 14.1%) The Freemans' blend, tapped from seven vineyards around the appellation, finds a headiness and spice under guidance from Ed Kurtzman. Some roasted fruit flavors are balanced by a tangy orange and pine needle, and vivacious bayberry. A deft snapshot of the coastal appellation.*

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