

2010 Red Tasting Notes

2010 Murasaki

The 2010 Murasaki is a wine borne of a long, cool growing season. It has a dark purple hue and brooding aroma of sandalwood, black cherry, crushed stones and butterscotch. On the pallet, the austere and chewy tannins mingle with a brisk, mouth coating acidity. Uniquely crafted from select lots of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, the 2010 Murasaki is a wine yearning to be cellared and enjoyed on only the finest of occasions. Like the obsession with purple that Utamaro pursued through his ukiyo-e prints, Murasaki is a rare work, noble and sincere.

CS (66%), CF (3%), ME (25%), PV (6%)

2010 Ai

As the name Ai represents the mystical color of Indigo, so does the 2010 Ai represent the mystical vintage that was. Dark aromas of graphite, blue and black fruit, and boysenberry pie weave together this complex fragrance. Elegant, round and rich tannins caress the senses and speak to the cool temperatures that prevailed through the season. A crowning achievement in an otherwise merciless landscape, the 2010 Ai is a testament to Kenzo Estate's unflagging quest for quality and authenticity.

CS (80%), CF (4%), ME (10%), PV (6%)

2010 Rindo

The 2010 Rindo is a window into the beating heart of this spectacular estate. Comprised principally of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc, waves of violets, minerality and red fruit impact the senses. On the palate, a lingering and silken tannin expression prevails, complemented by a delicate acid note capable of heralding this wine through the long years of aging ahead.

CS (46%), CF (26%), ME (24%), PV (4%)

Vintage Notes:

The 2010 growing season was the wine growing version of a perfect storm. Heavy rain, cool temperatures, and a dramatic heat spike made 2010 the most challenging harvest on record. Nevertheless, with a deft winemaking touch, the longer hang times and lower sugars produced wines with finesse and elegance suitable for all occasions.