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## 2010 Whole Cluster Riesling

"Our Northern Michigan "kabinett" style seeks to frame pure, unadorned fruit within the crisp lines of cool-climate acidity. We picked three estate vineyards at the beginning, middle and end of harvest in order to articulate flavors ranging from crisp apple to ripe peach. The balanced structure of this wine comes not from intrusive winemaking, but from the fine joinery of the blend."

### Winemaker Notes:

**The Whole Story:** "Whole Cluster" designates a wine made by gently pressing handpicked grape clusters "whole" without any mechanical de-stemming or crushing. This labor-intensive method minimizes skin contact with the juice, and helps produce a finely structured wine without any distracting phenolic bitterness in the finish.

**2010 Vintage:** The long, warm 2010 Vintage in conjunction with a relatively small crop load resulted in very ripe, richly flavored grapes that were more "Spätlese" than "Kabinett" (in order to be Germanically correct!). We're proud that we made this wine with no other winemaking trickery besides adding yeast, remaining patient, and then blending three estate Riesling lots together to form a more perfect union. If cellared correctly, this wine will gracefully evolve for a decade or more.

Year: 2010  
 Appellation: 100% Old Mission Peninsula  
 Varietal: 100% Riesling  
 Vineyard: 75% Bailiwick (10% Lot 49 sub-block), 25% Shackteau  
 Harvest Dates: October 15-20, 2010  
 Harvest Analysis: Bailiwick: Brix 21.2 TA 8.90 g/l, pH 3.20  
 Bailiwick/Lot 49: Brix 21.8 TA 8.20 g/l, pH 3.23  
 Shackteau Brix 22.2 TA 9.40 g/l, pH 3.11

Bottle Analysis:	Bottling Date:	July 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2011	RS:	9.60 g/l
	Alcohol:	12.5%	TA:	7.60 g/l
	Cases Produced:	681	pH:	3.30

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