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Wine of the Week: 2010 Hirsch Vineyards 'The Bohan-Dillon' Pinot Noir

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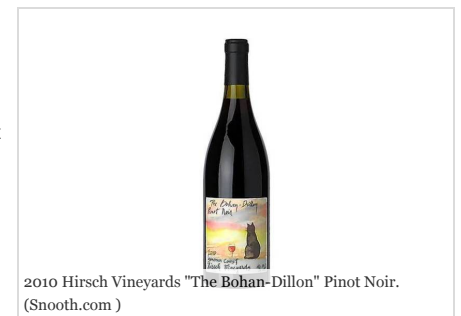
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David Hirsch of Hirsch Vineyards has produced some renowned Pinot Noirs from his sprawling Sonoma Coast estate. They're very good. And very expensive. But the estate also makes a second label called "The Bohan-Dillon," which is much more affordable. About one-third of the fruit comes from Hirsch Vineyards, mostly younger vines, and the remainder from neighboring estates. The Bohan-Dillon is made exactly the same way as Hirsch Vineyards' higher-priced Pinots.



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The 2010 is selling for about \$28 if you can still find it; the 2011 is a little more expensive. Both are graceful examples of Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir, with a soft, silky texture, a backbone of acidity coupled with a tangy minerality and slow-ripened fruit that tastes of plums and dark cherries. Ready to drink now (or cellar for a couple years), the Bohan-Dillon is brilliant with a simple roast chicken, grilled lamb chops, roasted root vegetables or a Chinese chicken salad.

Region: Sonoma coast

Price: \$28 to \$38

Style: Elegant and balanced

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What it goes with: Roast chicken, lamb chops, Chinese chicken salad

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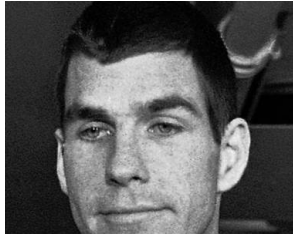
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