



Testarossa Vineyards

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2003 Garys' Vineyard Pinot Noir

93 points
Lots of black cherry, good core of fruit, spice and nice sweet oak notes, good structure and balance. Beautifully balanced and integrated Pinot from a terrific vineyard. This wine is just a delight to drink.
PinotReport - August 2005

92 points
Big and warm in red and black cherries, with hints of root beer and cinnamon, it will easily hold for 6 to 8 years.
Wine Enthusiast - October 2005

2002

95 points
A stunning Pinot Noir. The '02 Garys' is superb: full bodied and intensely flavored with light tannins and a very long finish.
Restaurant Wine - January 2004

94 points
Concentrated berry and black cherry aromas with a hint of savory spice and bacon. Testarossa makes one of the best Pinots from the Garys' Vineyard and the 2002 is no exception.
PinotReport - April 2004

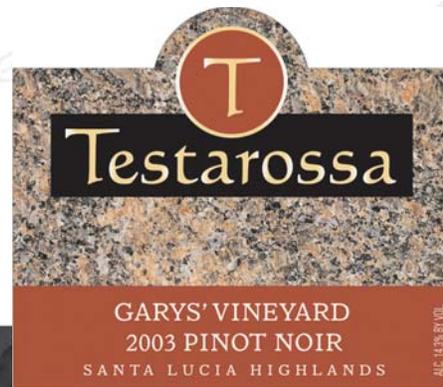
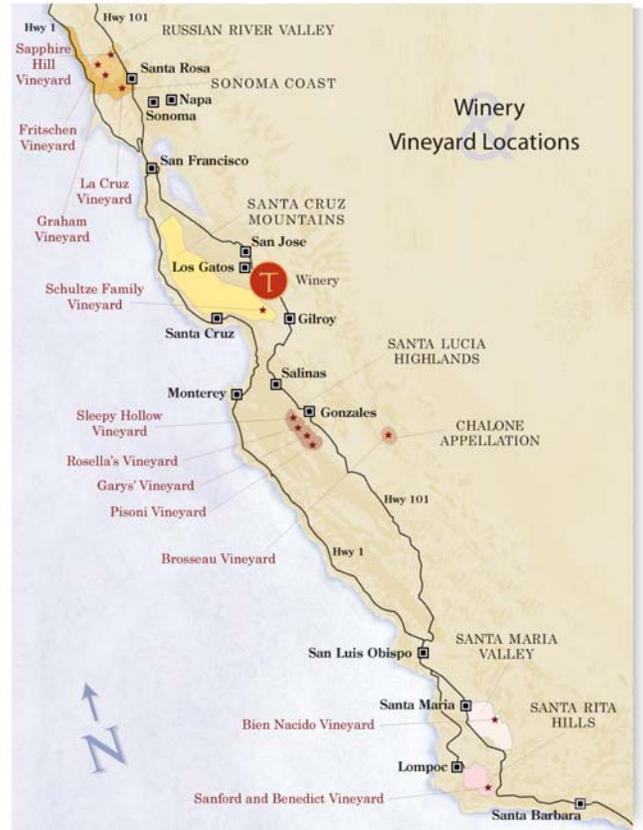
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Remarkably elegant and supple, with pretty floral, lilac, wild berry and blackberry scents. A tapestry of complex flavors with a wonderful sense of finesse and grace.
Wine Spectator - April 2004

90 points
Spicy, complex, sweet raspberry and black cherry fruit aroma with notes of vanilla and anise; overtones of creamy oak. Very highly recommended.
California Grapevine - April 2004

2001 95 points *PinotReport - May 2003*
91 points *Connoisseurs' Guide - October 2003*

2000 94 points *PinotReport - July 2002*
91 points *Connoisseurs' Guide - July 2002*
91 points *Wine Enthusiast - October 2002*

1999 95 points *Restaurant Wine - August 2001*
91 points *Connoisseurs' Guide - November 2001*
91 points *Wine Enthusiast - December 2001*
90 points *Decanter - January 2002*



Passion in Every Glass!

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Tasting notes from winemaker Bill Brosseau:

Rich, red color. Pretty aromas of strawberry, vanilla, and spice express the cool climate of the Garys' Vineyard. Youthfulness in the palate shows but never takes away from the silky texture. This seductive Pinot Noir finishes with a long and delicate finish.

Why is the Garys' Vineyard special?

The Garys' Vineyard is a partnership between two Garys – Gary Pisoni, the owner of the famous Pisoni Vineyard in Monterey County's Santa Lucia Highlands and Gary Francioni, the owner of the Rosella's Vineyard, also in the Santa Lucia Highlands. This naturally low yielding vineyard is comprised of 42 acres of Pisoni Clone Pinot Noir and 8 acres of Syrah. Combined, the two families have over 200 years of farming experience in Monterey County.

Flavor Profiles: Garys' Vineyard Pinot Noir

The Garys' Vineyard produces Pinot Noir with rich blackberry and wild berry accents, with wonderful floral undertones. It is a wine of finesse and elegant silky tannins, with an ever so slight hint of spices, underlined by a pinch of white pepper.

Testarossa's Style:

Complexity, Balance, and Silky Texture

Testarossa's "house style" is to create wines of uncommon complexity for you to enjoy, while maintaining the beautiful balance of natural wine flavors, hints of toasty new oak, a backbone of natural acidity, and silky smooth texture that make our wines feel as good as they taste.

Testarossa's Special Pinot Noir Winemaking Techniques

It all starts in the vineyard where our winemaker, Bill Brosseau, works with our growers to balance the vines so they produce rich, flavorful, and nutritionally healthy fruit, without over or under stressing the vines. All of the fruit is carefully hand sorted, and a gravity flow process is used throughout fermentation. In the cellar we do an extended pre-fermentation cold-soak, and then use a special strain of yeast in our small custom designed 5-ton stainless steel fermentors.

Unique Characteristics of the 2003 Vintage

2003 started off with uncharacteristically warm 80-degree weather in January, fooling some of our vineyards into coming out of dormancy two weeks to two months early. As the season progressed, the warm weather did not relent and most of the fruit ripened within a small time frame. The early bud break allowed the grapes to achieve record hang time resulting in wines that show great depth of flavor, color and richness.

Vineyard	Garys' Vineyard
Appellation	Santa Lucia Highlands, Monterey County
Owner	Gary Pisoni Family & Gary Francioni Family
Year planted	1997
Acreage (for Testarossa)	3 acres
Yield	3.6 tons per acre
Soil composition	Sandy, gravelly loam
Elevation	300-400 feet
Exposure	East/southeast facing slopes
Climate	Marine influenced, cool, foggy mornings and evenings; breezy afternoons. Highs to upper 80s. Lows in the 50s.
First Testarossa vintage	1999
Harvest	2003
Sugar	26.1
Total acidity	6.5g/l
pH	3.42
Date harvested	9/22/2003
Bottle:	
Alcohol	14.3%
Total acidity	6.3g/l
pH	3.53
Bottling date	11/18/2004
Time in oak	14 months
Percent new oak	50%
Production	608 cases
Release date	May 2005
Suggested retail price	\$54/bottle
Opt. time for consumption	2005-2012

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