



Testarossa Vineyards

LOS GATOS • CALIFORNIA

2003 Pisoni Vineyard Pinot Noir

92 points
 An intense, juicy, generously fruited Pinot that lives up to all expectations raised by its well-regarded site. Full and fleshy and velvety in feel. It is hard to resist.
Connoisseurs' Guide - June 2005

2002
93 points
 Big, full, complex, nice dose of sweet, toasty oak wrapped around a core of cherry and berry flavors. This is textbook Testarossa Pisoni; power and elegance married together.
PinotReport - November 2004

91 points
 A soothingly lush mouthfeel starring scads of red and black cherry flavors and youthful tannins. Big and full-bodied. Seriously good stuff.
Wine Enthusiast - November 2004

91 points
 Intense, smoky, distinctly varietal, ripe cherry and raspberry fruit aroma with notes of clove, mocha, and vanilla. Well balanced.
California Grapevine - August 2004

2001
95+ points
 The '01 Pisoni is rich and powerful, with good depth of flavor, and modest tannins on the finish. It tastes of tobacco, pepper, plum, and roasted nut.
Restaurant Wine - January 2004

100 Best Wines of the Year
The Year's Best Pinot Noir
94 points
 This wine is as dark and intense as you might expect from Pisoni fruit. The sweep of flavor is complete, from bass to mid-range to treble, a rich chord that lasts.
Wine & Spirits - June 2004

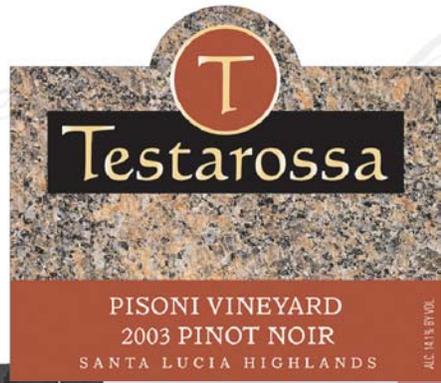
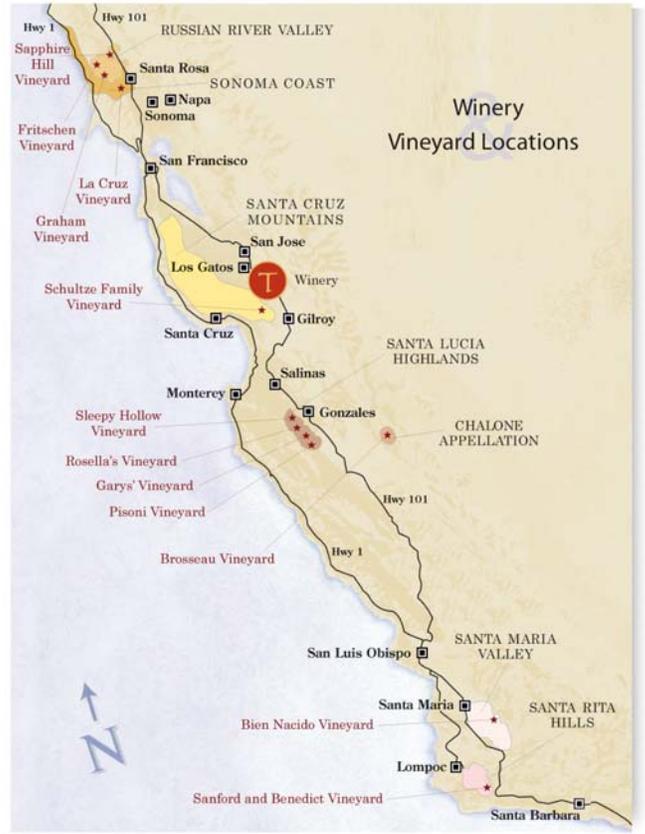
93 points
 This is a huge style of Pinot, but what separates it from other Pinots from the Pisoni Vineyard is its great core of fruit and silky texture.
PinotReport - April 2004

90 points
 Smooth-textured, with supple, polished black cherry-, plum-, and raspberry-scented fruit, striking a delicate balance between fruit and tannins.
Wine Spectator - April 2004

2000 92 points *Wine Enthusiast - October 2002*
Top 50 California Pinot

1998 98 points *Connoisseurs' Guide - February 2001*
 92 points *Wine Spectator - February 2001*
 90 points *Wine & Spirits - February 2001*

1997 92 points *Wine & Spirits - April 2000*



Passion in Every Glass!

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Tasting notes from winemaker Bill Brosseau:

Deep red color. Aromas of ripe cherry, strawberry, and vanilla are easily noticed, while hints of honey and cocoa require a deeper perception. The mouthfeel is very youthful and bright, exhibiting firm tannin structure interwoven with a cherry and oak spice flavor. This wine finishes strong and should age for 8 to 10 years.

Why is the Pisoni Vineyard special?

Gary Pisoni and his family have never wavered in their belief that Pinot Noir is the greatest red varietal on the planet and that the slopes of the Santa Lucia Highlands in the cool northern climes of California's Monterey County are the best place to grow Pinot Noir. His family's intense obsession with growing the world's best Pinot Noir shows in every bottle from their unique vineyard.

Flavor Profiles: Pisoni Vineyard Pinot Noir

Full bodied richness and fruit flavors of plum and black cherry dominate our Pisoni Vineyard Pinot Noir. The forward fruit is complemented by old world characteristics of earth, loam, and dried leaf. The long velvety finish of this wines shows hints of mocha and chocolate. A firm backbone of acidity ensures that this wine will age gracefully for ten years or more.

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	Pisoni Vineyard
Appellation	Santa Lucia Highlands, Monterey County
Owner	Pisoni Family
Year planted	1992
Acreage (for Testarossa)	2 acres
Yield	2.2 tons per acre
Soil composition	Decomposed granite & clay
Elevation	1,200 feet
Exposure	Southeasterly-facing slopes
Climate	Summer daytime temperatures from 75 to 85 degrees; between 50 and 55 at night.
First Testarossa vintage	1997
Harvest	2003
Sugar	26.3
Total acidity	6.8 g/l
pH	3.38
Date harvested	9/19/2003
Bottle:	
Alcohol	14.1%
Total acidity	6.4 g/l
pH	3.50
Bottling date	3/18/2005
Time in oak	18 months
Percent new oak	60%
Production	228 cases
Release date	September 2005
Suggested retail price	\$54/bottle
Opt. time for consumption	2005-2015

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