



Testarossa Vineyards

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2003 Rosella's Vineyard Pinot Noir

94
points

Complex, spicy, smoked bacon, black cherry aromas; sweet oak; good structure and balance, long finish. This Pinot has all the right pieces to fit well on your table.
PinotReport - August 2005

90
points

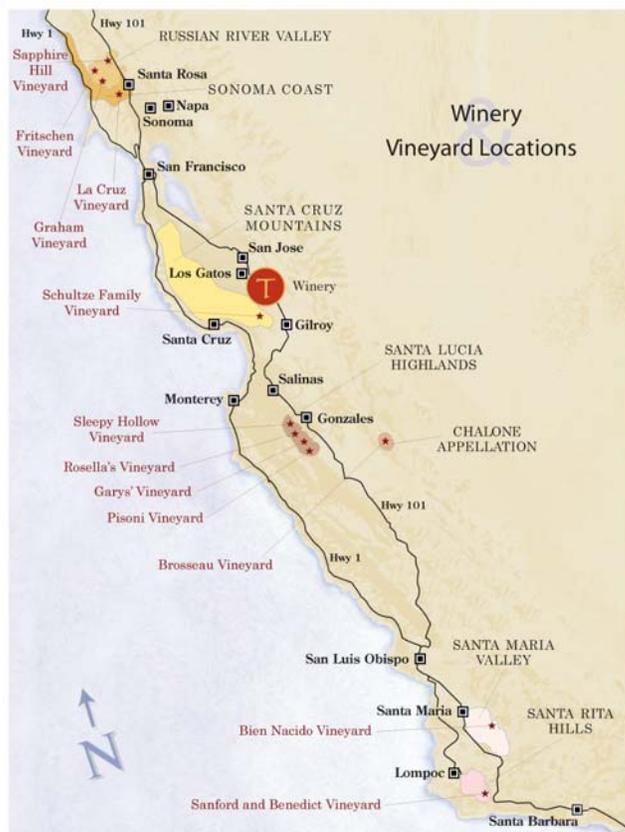
Excellent structure, with firm, ripe tannins wrapped around a rich core of plum and wild berry fruit.
Wine Spectator - May 2005

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A lovely exposition of both the deep fruit and sleek structure that seem to distinguish wines from the Rosella's Vineyard. Its insistent themes of cherries, vanilla and careful oak spice make it easy to like.
Connoisseurs' Guide - June 2005

90
points

Luscious. It's a heck of a Pinot. Massive, delicious cherry flavors.
Wine Enthusiast - October 2005



2002

92
points

High in concentrated ripe cherry character and caramelly oak. Supple, fleshy texture and outgoing ripe cherry, vanilla bean, and caramel flavors. This attractive wine invites drinking.
Connoisseurs' Guide - June 2004

91
points

Deep ruby purple color and full flavors; balanced with a lingering finish. Supple and silky texture make this Pinot a winner.
PinotReport - May 2004

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There's beautifully fresh fruit character in this pinot. It brings a full-bore, black berry flavor that lasts. The fruit and tannin hold together as one.
Wine & Spirits - August 2004

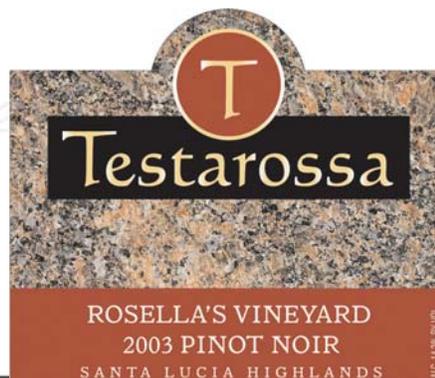
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Ruby color, black cherry and strawberry fruit aroma showing some complexity. Very appealing to drink now. Very highly recommended.
California Grapevine - August 2004

2001

92
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Complex black cherry aromas; very deep black cherry and toasty oak flavors, great structure and a long finish.
PinotReport - May 2003



Passion in Every Glass!

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Tasting notes from winemaker Bill Brosseau:

Deep, rich red color. Hints of vanilla bean, raspberry and spice fill the nose. This wine displays expansive volume behind the spicy and elegant taste. It starts big and finishes strong with a rich, lush finish.

Why is the Rosella's Vineyard special?

Gary Francioni planted his family vineyard, named after his lovely wife Rosella, on River Road in the heart of the Santa Lucia Highlands. Intense wines result from the labor intensive farming, Arroyo Seco sandy loam soil, and a marine climate highlighted by strong coastal winds blowing off Monterey Bay which make for foggy mornings, breezy afternoons and a long, drawn out growing season.

Flavor Profiles: Rosella's Vineyard Pinot Noir

The Rosella's Vineyard is known for its intensity of rich ripe fruit with layers of spice and minerality from the gravelly-loam soils of the Santa Lucia Highlands. This Pinot Noir has complex flavors of black cherry, plum, and wild berry with hints of fresh earth complemented by flavors of vanilla bean and caramel. The sleek, long finish ends with essences of anise and sage.

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.

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11am to 5pm Daily

Vineyard	Rosella's Vineyard
Appellation	Santa Lucia Highlands, Monterey County
Owner	Gary & Rosella Francioni
Year planted	1999
Acreage (for Testarossa)	3 acres
Yield	3.7 tons per acre
Soil composition	Sandy, gravelly loam
Elevation	300-400 feet
Exposure	East-facing slopes
Climate	Marine influenced, cool, foggy mornings and evenings; breezy afternoons. Highs from low 70s to upper 80s, lows in the 50s.
First Testarossa vintage	2001
Harvest	2003
Sugar	26.3
Total acidity	6.4 g/l
pH	3.52
Date harvested	9/22-9/24/2003
Bottle:	
Alcohol	14.3%
Total acidity	6.2 g/l
pH	3.61
Bottling date	11/18/2004
Time in oak	14 months
Percent new oak	50%
Production	228 cases
Release date	May 2004
Suggested retail price	\$54/bottle
Opt. time for consumption	2005-2013

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