



# Testarossa Vineyards

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## 2003 Sleepy Hollow Vineyard Pinot Noir

**93**

points

Savory spices, good structure and balance and a long finish. Deep and full of flavor, this Pinot has all the signature bacon and deep core fruit of the Santa Lucia Highlands.

*PinotReport - August 2005*

2002

**92**

points

Black cherry, plum and cinnamon aromas with toasty oak. The lush, silky flavors make me want to come back to the glass again and again.

*PinotReport - May 2004*

2001



**93**

points

One of the better Sleepy Hollow Pinots that we can recall. This ample, very well-structured wine sports plenty of ripe cherries in both its aromas and flavors.

*Connoisseurs' Guide - October 2003*

**92**

points

The Year's Best Pinot Noir

You might expect a Santa Lucia pinot to be big, but perhaps not as gracious as this smooth wine from Sleepy Hollow. The flavors open and last.

*Wine & Spirits - August 2003*

2000

**90**

points

A lush, creamy-textured wine. Plenty of red fruit providing a rich foundation, with strawberry-raspberry flavors hidden within.

*Wine Enthusiast - October 2002*

1999



**90**

points

Sweet, vibrant, loganberry fruit nose. Rich, concentrated, pure fruit with just a hint of tinned strawberries. Well made.

*Decanter - January 2002*

1998

Top 10 Pinot Noir of 2001

**94**

points

The ripe red and black fruit shine through, Pommard-like in its soft richness, structured and distinctive. This is complex and satisfying enough to convert the staunchest cabernet aficionado.

*Wine & Spirits - June 2001*

1997

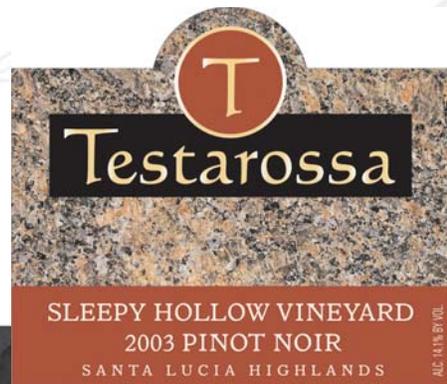
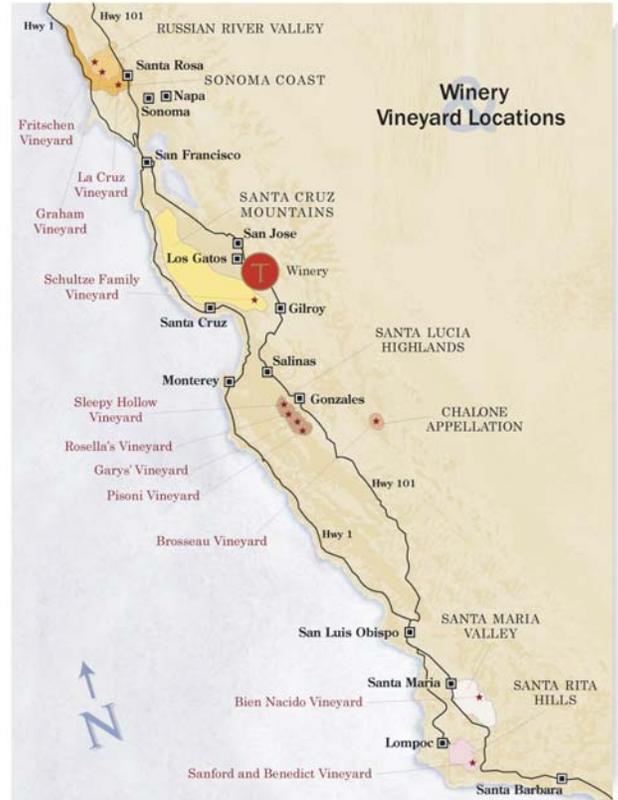
James Laube's Top-Scoring California Pinot Noir of 2000

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Deliciously ripe, bold and deeply flavored, with layers of plum, black cherry, blackberry and spice. Long, complex, intricate finish.

*Wine Spectator - January 2000*



Passion in Every Glass!

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### Tasting notes from winemaker Bill Brosseau:

Deep red color. Aromas of cloves and strawberry jam intensify with each swirl of the glass. The expressive aromas are matched with a silky and lush mouthfeel.

### Why is the Sleepy Hollow Vineyard special?

The Sleepy Hollow Vineyard, planted in 1973 in what is now known as the Santa Lucia Highlands Appellation of Monterey County boasts some of the oldest Pinot Noir and Chardonnay vines in North America. The gentle east-facing slope of the vineyard is covered with Pacific Ocean fog every morning, leading to a very long growing season. Owned by Robert Talbott, these low yielding vines receive exceptional care.

### Flavor Profiles: Sleepy Hollow Vineyard Pinot Noir

The deep roots of these old vines add layers of minerality and complexity from the sparse gravelly loam soils. The Sleepy Hollow Vineyard's unique terroir features rich, dark plum fruit characteristics and spiciness that dominate this luscious Pinot.

### 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	Sleepy Hollow Vineyard
Appellation	Santa Lucia Highlands, Monterey County
Owner	Robb & Cynthia Talbott
Year planted	1973
Acreage (for Testarossa)	8 acres
Yield	2 tons per acre
Soil composition	Gravelly loam
Elevation	500 feet (150m)
Exposure	South/Southwest
Climate	Summer daytime temperatures from 75 to 85 degrees; between 50 to 55 at night.
First Testarossa vintage	1997
Harvest	2003
Sugar	25.9
Total acidity	6.5g/l
pH	3.52
Dates harvested	9/25-9/26/2003
<b>Bottle:</b>	
Alcohol	14.1%
Total acidity	6.0g/l
pH	3.65
Bottling date	11/18/2004
Time in oak	14 months
Percent new oak	50%
Production	633 cases
Release date	May 2005
Suggested retail price	\$54/bottle
Opt. time for consumption	2005-2012

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