

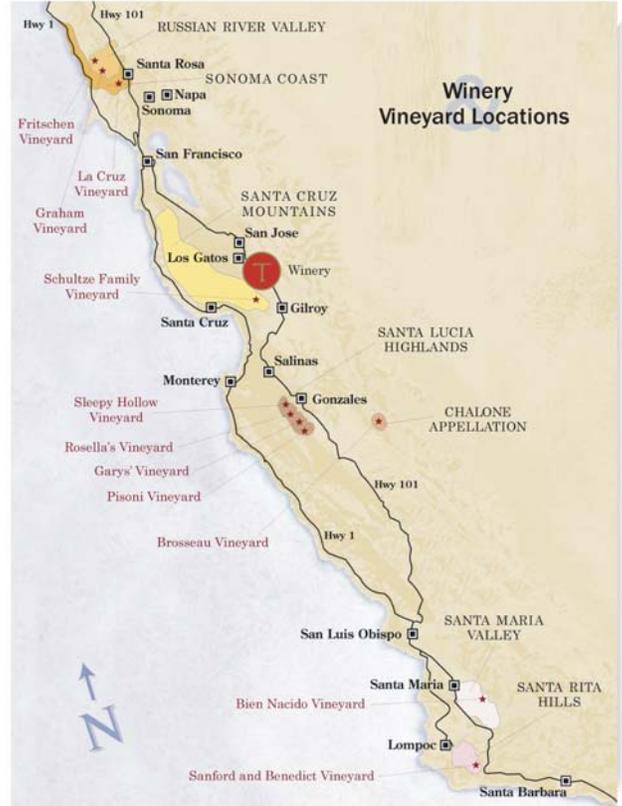


# Testarossa Vineyards

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## 2003 Garys' Vineyard Syrah

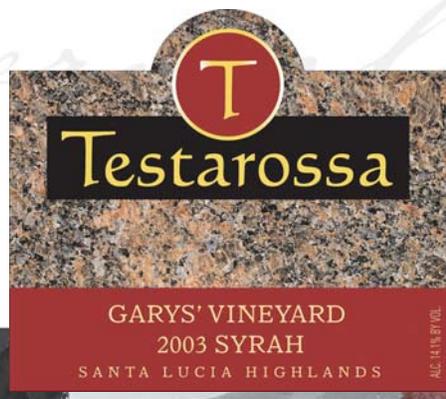
- 90** points  
A dark Syrah from a vineyard famous for producing wines of volume and heft. It's dry and full, with rich blackberry, coffee, chocolate, plum and oaky-spice flavors.  
*Wine Enthusiast - March 2006*
- 90** points  
This extravagantly oaked effort scores big points for richness, balance and very fine fruit. It is broad and fleshy in feel, and its ample tannins are firm but never abrasive.  
*Connoisseurs' Guide - March 2006*
- 90** points  
Loud and bright, this wine combines bold, luscious fruit with extreme size. It finishes clean and lively for all its size, a simple pleasure with grilled lamb.  
*Wine & Spirits - April 2006*



- 2001**  
**93** points  
Extraordinary scent of crushed blackberries. Generous red and black fruit, mineral edges, lush texture. So delicious. Open a bottle and fall in love.  
*Wine & Spirits - June 2004*
- 93** points  
Very ripe with the weight, viscosity and jammy, chocolaty character that such ripeness predicts. The wine is full, fleshy and well-balanced with plentiful fruit and creamy oak.  
*Connoisseurs' Guide - March 2004*
- 92** points  
Dark-hued, intense and spicy, with a peppery edge. Concentrated berry, floral and fresh game-meat Syrah flavors, with rich mineral, fresh earth and round tannins.  
*Wine Spectator - April 2004*
- 90** points  
Deliciously smooth and full-bodied, this big red wine is plump with flavors of plums, cherries, mocha, tangerine rind and spicy oak. It's really a good wine.  
*Wine Enthusiast - June 2004*
- 90** points  
Fine Syrah, in a rich, supple style. It is quite peppery and toasty in aroma/flavor, with boysenberry, plum, and tobacco overtones. Very long finish.  
*Restaurant Wine - January 2004*

- 2000**  
**90** points  
A fabulously rich, generous wine that oozes over the palate like nectar, carrying along black currant, cassis and herb flavors.  
*Wine Enthusiast - February 2003*

- 1999**  
91 points *Connoisseurs' Guide - February 2002*  
91 points *Los Angeles Times - February 2002*



Passion in Every Glass!

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## Tasting notes from winemaker Bill Brosseau:

Dark purple color. The aromas are vibrant with influences of blueberries, sage, bacon, and vanilla bean. The berry and spice flavors lead into an oily, mineral-driven mouthfeel only seen in mature vineyard sources.

## 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 40 acres of Pisoni Clone Pinot Noir and 9 acres of Syrah. Combined, the two families have over 200 years of farming experience in Monterey County.

## Flavor Profiles: Garys' Vineyard Syrah

Syrah from the cool climate Garys' Vineyard combines sour cherry and plum skin fruit characteristics with minerality, white pepper and spice, and a pinch of black pepper. It is often described as a Syrah made by a Pinot Noir producer, meaning that this Syrah is very silky and elegant.

## 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 Syrah Winemaking Techniques

It all starts in the vineyard where our winemaker, Bill Brosseau, works with our growers to produce rich, flavorful, and healthy grapes. All of the fruit is carefully hand sorted, and a gravity flow process is used throughout fermentation. For Syrah, we do an extended pre-fermentation coldsoak, and different from Pinot Noir, our winemaking team utilizes a combination of traditional punch downs mixed with more oxygenating pump-overs which are critical for this varietal.

## 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)	1.5 acres
Yield	3.1 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; mild sunny afternoons; highs to upper 80s. Lows in the 50s.
First Testarossa vintage	1999
Harvest	2003
Sugar	26.5
Total acidity	6.3 g/l
pH	3.5
Date harvested	10/25/2003
<b>Bottle:</b>	
Alcohol	14.1%
Total acidity	5.8 g/l
pH	3.68
Bottling date	7/15/2005
Time in oak	20 months
Percent new oak	35%
Production	258 cases
Release date	September 2005
Suggested retail price	\$45/bottle
Opt. time for consumption	2005-2015

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