



# Testarossa Vineyards

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**Bill Brosseau, Winemaker**

2003

**93**  
points

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 *Restaurant Wine - January 2004*
- 94 points *PinotReport - April 2004*
- 92 points *Wine Spectator - April 2004*
- 90 points *California Grapevine - April 2004*

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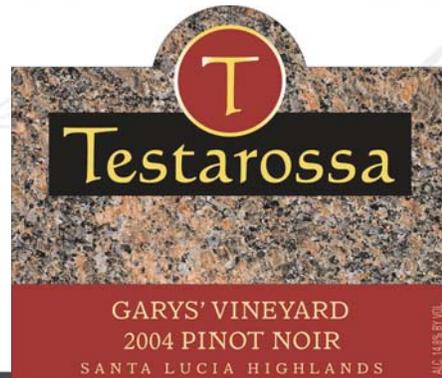
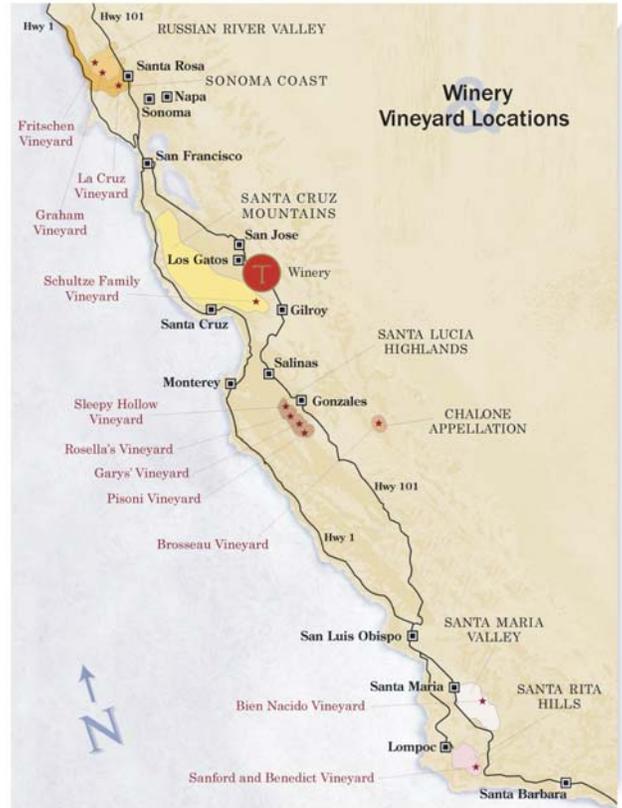
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Passion in Every Glass!

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### 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 2004 Vintage

2004 started off with an unusually warm dry spring, resulting in enhanced fruitfulness in the vineyards. Moderately warm summer temperatures meant harvest would come a week or two early. September began with a big heat spike, low humidity, and little fog, and harvest ramped up to full capacity instantly. Color and tannin intensity of the wines are pleasantly balanced with a rich fruit-forward focus.

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 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	2004
Sugar	27.5
Total acidity	6.9g/l
pH	3.35
Date harvested	9/9/2004
<b>Bottle:</b>	
Alcohol	14.8%
Total acidity	6.5g/l
pH	3.43
Bottling date	11/16/2005
Time in oak	13 months
Percent new oak	50%
Production	696 cases
Release date	September 2006
Suggested retail price	\$54/bottle
Opt. time for consumption	2007-2014

## 2004 Winery of the Year



"In only a decade, this small Los Gatos winery has established a solid reputation for the consistent quality of its wines, which are among the best now being produced in the USA."

Ronn Wiegand, MW & MS, Editor



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