



Testarossa Vineyards

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Bill Brosseau, Winemaker

2003

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 *Restaurant Wine - January 2004*

94 points *Wine & Spirits - June 2004*

* 100 Best Wines of the Year

* The Year's Best Pinot Noir

93 points *PinotReport - April 2004*

90 points *Wine Spectator - April 2004*

2000

92 points *Wine Enthusiast - October 2002*

* Top 50 California Pinot

1998

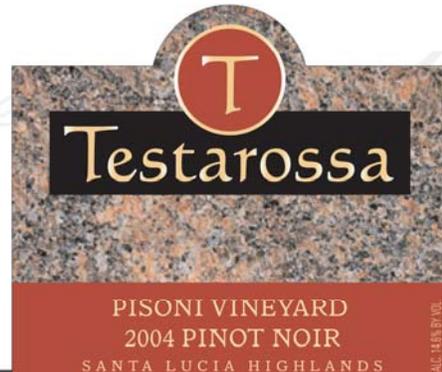
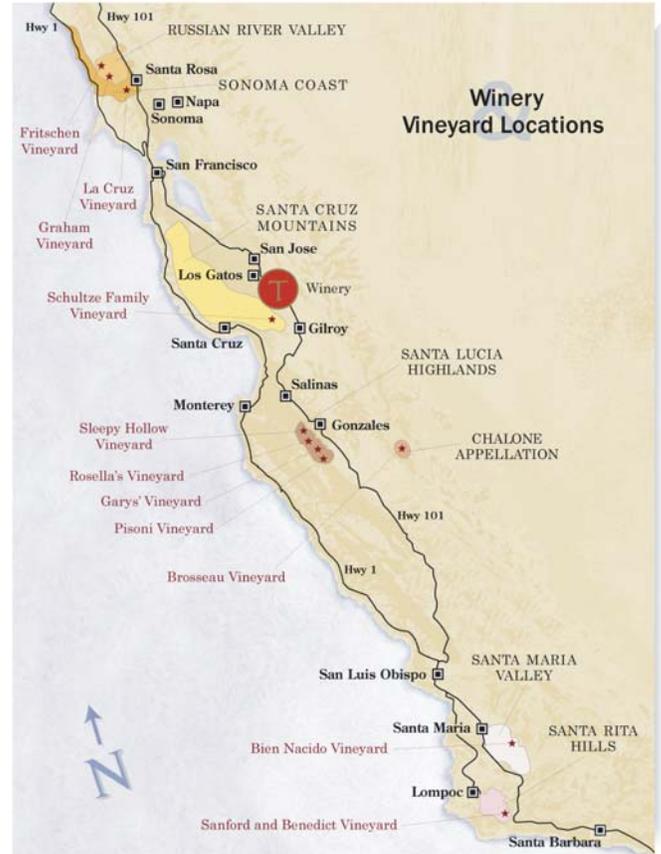
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Passion in Every Glass!

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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 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	Pisoni Vineyard
Appellation	Santa Lucia Highlands, Monterey County
Owner	Pisoni Family
Year planted	1992
Acreage (for Testarossa)	2 acres
Yield	2.5 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	2004
Sugar	27.1
Total acidity	7.0 g/l
pH	3.38
Date harvested	9/4/2004
Bottle:	
Alcohol	14.6%
Total acidity	6.6 g/l
pH	3.49
Bottling date	2/16/2006
Time in oak	16 months
Percent new oak	66%
Production	289 cases
Release date	September 2006
Suggested retail price	\$54/bottle
Opt. time for consumption	2007-2013

2004 Winery of the Year



January 2004

"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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