



# Testarossa Vineyards

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## 2004 Sanford & Benedict Vineyard Pinot Noir

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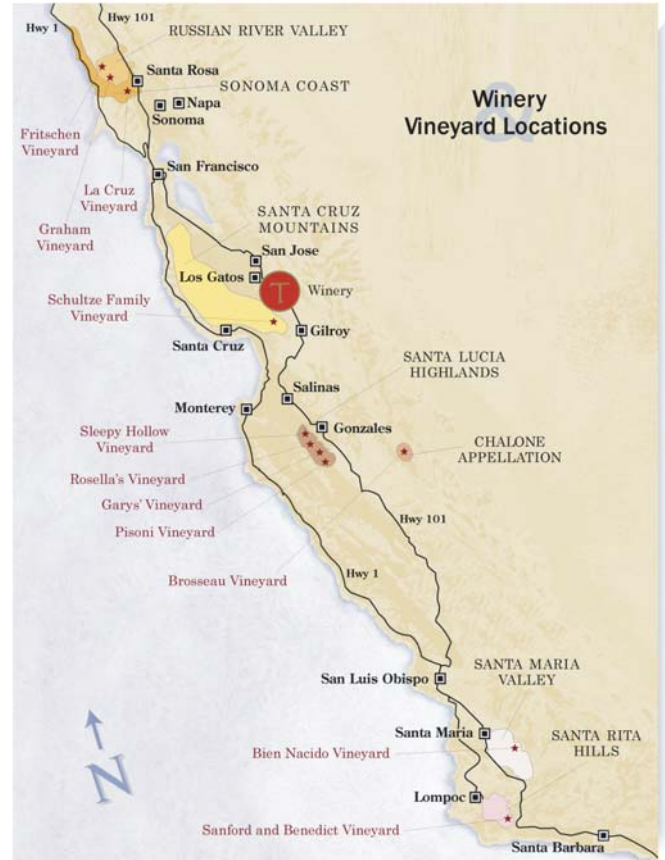
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*Wine & Spirits - Year's Best Pinot Noir - April 2006*

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Lots of black cherry, earth, savory spices and a touch of oak. Delicious, earthy Pinot from the Santa Rita Hills, deftly handled by Bill Brosseau.  
*PinotReport - July 2006*

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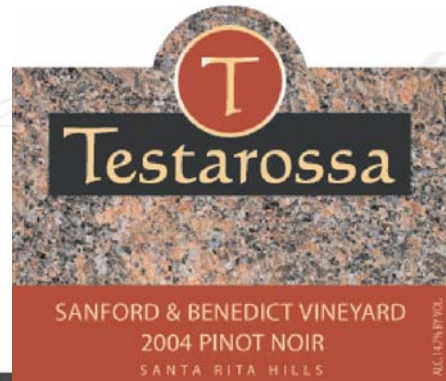
It would be a shame to drink this wine too young. It's tannic, and we know that Pinots from this vineyard need time. Rich in cherry, cola, coffee and spice flavors.  
*Wine Enthusiast - May 2006*



"The roots of Santa Rita's success go back to the mid-1970s, when Sanford & Benedict Vineyard provided a glimpse of what the future might hold for Pinot Noir grown in the far reaches of Santa Ynez Valley closest to the Pacific Ocean. The 1975 and 1976 vintages of Sanford & Benedict are legendary in the annals of Santa Barbara's wine history."

*James Laube, Wine Spectator*

*"Santa Barbara's New Frontier — Santa Rita Hills cool-climate Pinot Noirs add an enticing new twist"*  
September 15, 2003



Passion in Every Glass!

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## Tasting notes from winemaker Bill Brosseau:

Dark red color. The wine, while youthful in aroma development, is brimming with intense cherry and spice. There is a wonderful balance of tannin, spice, fruit, and oak, making this age-worthy wine very hedonistic in its youth. Should age well for 7 to 9 years.

## Why is the Sanford & Benedict Vineyard special?

The 130-acre Sanford & Benedict Vineyard was planted in 1971, in what is now called the Santa Rita Hills, one of the most exciting Pinot Noir and Chardonnay growing areas in the country. It is currently owned by Robert Atkin and has, for over three decades, been considered one of the crown jewels of Santa Barbara County. The shaley-clay loam soil adds character to all the wines from this vineyard.

## Flavor Profiles: Sanford & Benedict Vineyard Pinot Noir

This vineyard is renowned for rich and concentrated Pinot Noirs dominated by complex cherry, wild berry, and raspberry fruit. Complementary layers of spicy lavender, tea, anise, and cola flavors make every Testarossa Sanford & Benedict Vineyard Pinot Noir a symphony of aromas and flavor. Hints of dried mushroom and smoky vanilla tantalize the palate on the silky smooth long, long finish.

## 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	Sanford & Benedict Vineyard
Appellation	Santa Rita Hills, Santa Barbara County
Owner	Robert Atkin
Year planted	1971
Acreage (for Testarossa)	5 acres
Yield	3.1 tons per acre
Soil composition	Botella clay-loam, Ballard sandy-loam, Santa Lucia shaley clay-loam
Elevation	200-400 feet
Exposure	Multiple exposures
Climate	Extreme maritime influence due to a unique transverse maritime throat. Average summer temperatures 70-75, and often cooler.
First Testarossa vintage	2004
Harvest	2004
Sugar	26.7
Total acidity	7.4 g/l
pH	3.23
Date harvested	9/11/2004
<b>Bottle:</b>	
Alcohol	14.7%
Total acidity	7.0 g/l
pH	3.30
Bottling date	11/16/2005
Time in oak	13 months
Percent new oak	60%
Production	424 cases
Release date	February 2006
Suggested retail price	\$54/bottle
Opt. time for consumption	2006-2015

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