



Testarossa Vineyards

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2004 Sleepy Hollow Vineyard Pinot Noir

91
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Wine Enthusiast - September 2006

2003

93
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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
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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

The Year's Best
Pinot Noir

92
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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
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A lush, creamy-textured wine. Plenty of red fruit providing a rich foundation, with strawberry-raspberry flavors hidden within.

Wine Enthusiast - October 2002

1999

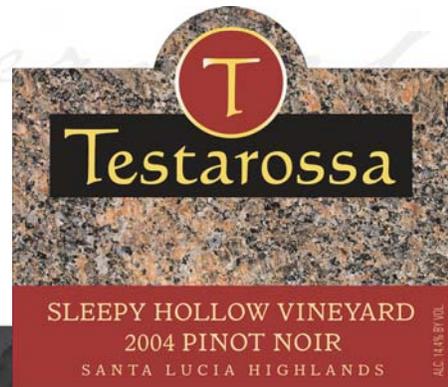
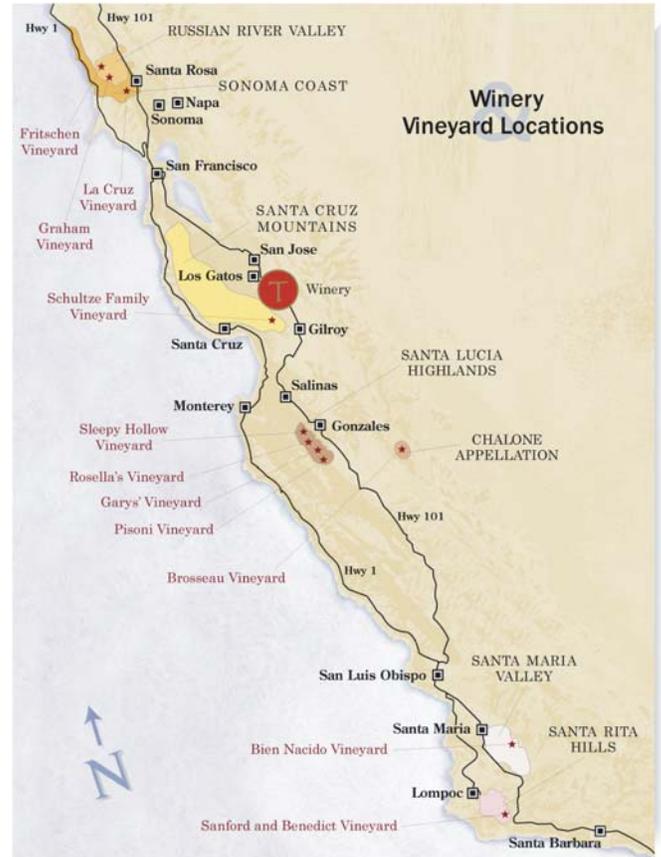
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Passion in Every Glass!

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Tasting notes from winemaker Bill Brosseau:

This Pinot Noir exhibits a unique blend of clove, black pepper, earth, cherry and strawberry all in one scent. These 30+ year old vines have produced a very complex structure of fruit and spice leading to a plush, supple finish. This wine offers tremendous depth and will excite most Pinot Noir lovers. Optimum consumption within 5 to 7 years.

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 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	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	East-facing slopes
Climate	Summer daytime temperatures from 75 to 85 degrees; between 50 to 55 degrees at night.
First Testarossa vintage	1997
Harvest	2004
Sugar	25.9
Total acidity	6.7g/l
pH	3.48
Dates harvested	9/18 - 9/22/2004
Bottle:	
Alcohol	14.4%
Total acidity	6.0g/l
pH	3.59
Bottling date	12/15/2005
Time in oak	14 months
Percent new oak	50%
Production	298 cases
Release date	May 2006
Suggested retail price	\$54/bottle
Opt. time for consumption	2006-2010

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