



Testarossa Vineyards

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2005 Bien Nacido Vineyard Pinot Noir

93
points

Very well-balanced, concentrated, fruity, energetic aromas and deep, on-target flavors are delivered here. Able to serve well today, this one will get better over time.
Connoisseurs' Guide - March 2007

2004

93
points

Silky texture, good structure and balance, long finish. Big and ripe, this Pinot from Bien Nacido Vineyard really shows the depth and complexity the vineyard can produce.
PinotReport - July 2006

92
points

The pure cherry kirsch flavors are perfectly integrated into the oak, acid and tannic structure, with an elegantly silky texture. The result is pure Pinot pleasure.
Wine Enthusiast - September 2006

90
points

A savory style, ripe, rich and complex, with dried cherry, herb, sage and mineral flavors. On the finish the tannins give it nice structure.
Wine Spectator - June 2006

2003

93
points

Big, full and rich, deep black cherry and plum fruit. WOW! This wine really has the depth and complexity that makes Pinot so interesting.
PinotReport - April 2005

92
points

Red cherry and rose scents build in layers behind a youthful tannin. An intriguing portrait of the Bien Nacido vineyard.
Wine & Spirits - June 2005

92
points

Expansive aromas of ripe cherries, orange-rind, creme brulee and oaky spice. A full-bodied wine, supple with a fine sense of balance and firm structure.
Connoisseurs' Guide - February 2005

90
points

Intense flavors that are opulently ripe, although the wine is correctly dry. Light and silky, with crisp acidity and a lingering aftertaste.
Wine Enthusiast - July 2005

2002

95 points *PinotReport - April 2004*
93 points *Restaurant Wine - January 2004*
92 points *Connoisseurs' Guide - February 2004*

2001

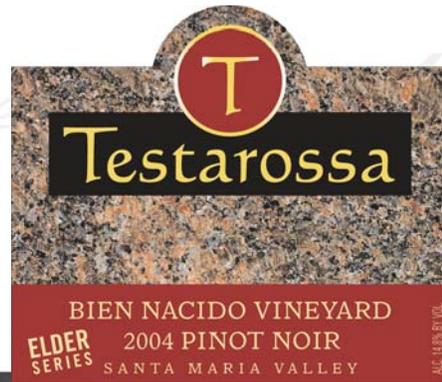
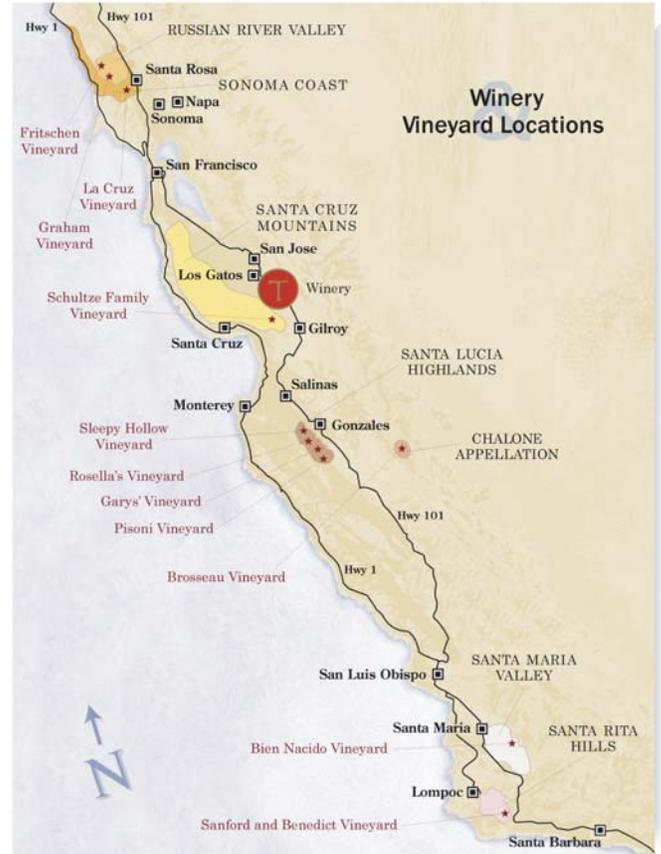
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1999

91 points *Wine Enthusiast - December 2001*
91 points *Wine & Spirits - October 2001*



Passion in Every Glass!

2005 Bien Nacido Vineyard Pinot Noir

Tasting notes from winemaker Bill Brosseau:

Dark red color. Scents of black pepper, vanilla bean, bing cherry, and orange papaya unite in a very complex array of aromas to this Pinot. The mouthfeel displays silky intensity with loads of fruit and spice. This wine finishes strong with fine grain tannins and spice. Drink now through 2015.

Why is the Bien Nacido Vineyard special?

The Bien Nacido Vineyard, planted in 1973, sits in one of the most ideal locations in Santa Barbara County's cool ocean facing Santa Maria Valley which gives the grapes exceptionally long hang time. Underlying the eastern edge of the vineyard is an old crumbly shaley-loam stratum of soil called **Elder Series**, which adds extra mineral flavors to the wines.

Flavor Profiles: Bien Nacido Vineyard Pinot Noir

Forward rich cherry fruit, layers of complexity, spiciness and a special minerality are all unique characteristics of this wine from 30+ year old vines. Very old shaley-loam **Elder Series** soils underlie Testarossa's individually selected vineyard blocks giving this unmistakably rich New World Pinot Noir a complimentary Old World minerality.

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.

Vineyard	Bien Nacido Vineyard
Appellation	Santa Maria Valley, Santa Barbara County
Owner	Miller Family
Year planted	1973
Acreage (for Testarossa)	8 acres
Yield	2.5 tons per acre
Soil composition	Elder Series shaley loam
Elevation	440 feet (134m)
Exposure	South/Southwest
Climate	Marine influenced, cool summer temperatures ranging from daytime highs in the low 70s to pre-dawn lows in the 50s
First Testarossa vintage	1997
Harvest	2005
Sugar	25.5
Total acidity	7.2g/l
pH	3.35
Dates harvested	9/20 - 9/30/2005
Bottle:	
Alcohol	14.8%
Total acidity	6.6g/l
pH	3.44
Bottling date	9/28/2006
Time in oak	11 months
Percent new oak	44%
Production	392 cases
Suggested retail price	\$56/bottle
Opt. time for consumption	2007-2015

Unique Characteristics of the 2005 Vintage

The long, cool, and wet spring of 2005 led to a slow start of the grape-growing season. Spring and summer temperatures across the state were average to below normal. Given the warm temperatures in 2004, grape fruitfulness for 2005 was above normal, leading to higher potential yields. The grapes ripened slowly during the mild summer and fall (up to four weeks later than in 2004), resulting in wines with concentrated flavors and crisp acidity.

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