



# Testarossa Vineyards

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## 2005 Brosseau Vineyard Pinot Noir

**92**  
points

This Pinot shows the ripeness and richness that Testarossa is known for. Grape yields were evidently low, to judge by the concentration of cherries, raspberries, blackberries, cola, root beer and pomegranate flavors. Fully dry, the wine also is somewhat tight in tannins and acids. It should benefit from a few years in the cellar.  
**Wine Enthusiast - December 2007**

**90**  
points

A tight, compact quality to this wine holds it back when it is first opened, but given an opportunity to get some air, it shows more depth and richness than in its first impressions. Its nose takes on both ripe cherry and mineral, chalky tones along with a creme brulee, oaky overlay, and its flavors also begin to open. Still, the wine is too compressed at this point to be fully rewarding, and cellaring would seem the better choice.  
**Connoisseur's Guide - September 2007**

2004

**92**  
points

Medium ruby color; deep, earthy, cherry aromas with some herbal notes; rich, ripe with moderate tannin, deep cherry flavors, herbal notes, some toasty oak; good structure and balance; long finish. Big style with moderate tannins, but also balanced with complex earthy and fruit notes.  
**PinotReport - April 2007**

2002

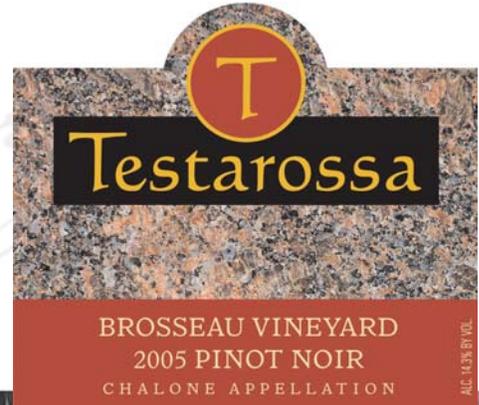
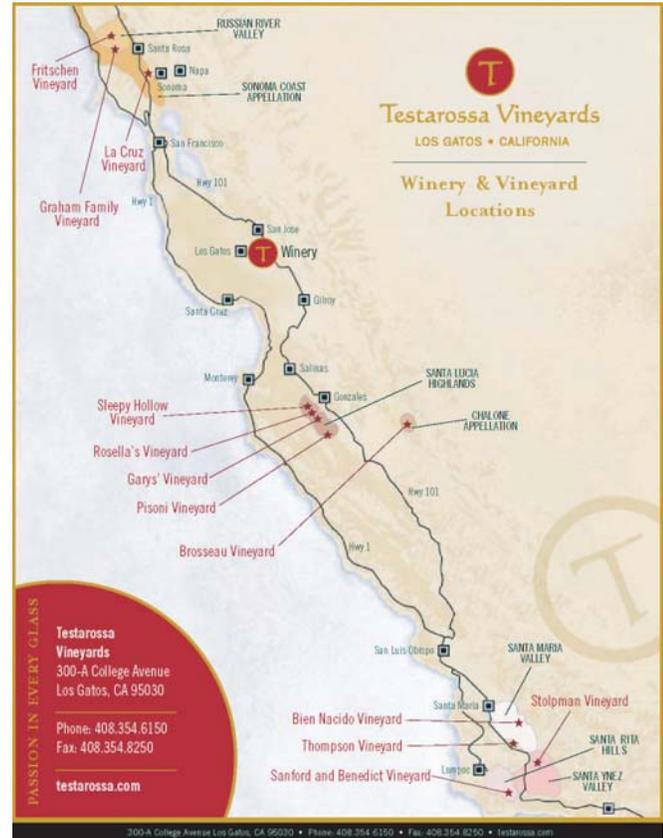
"Best Pinot Noirs Ever"

**91**  
points

Toast, brush and bright cherryish fruit buttressed by a background of oaky richness gets this mannerly, never pushy wine going in the right direction. A very fine Pinot and one which will serve well with dishes like crown rack of lamb.  
**Connoisseur's Guide - June 2004**

**91**  
points

Spicy, red cherry, stewed fruit, some savory spices on nose; rich, ripe and concentrated red fruit, savory spices and a bit of smoked meat on the palate; good structure and balance, long finish. Well structured and concentrated Pinot.  
**PinotReport - May 2004**



Passion in Every Glass!

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## Tasting notes from winemaker Bill Brosseau:

Dark red color. Spicy-fruity comes to mind with this big Pinot Noir. Aromas of black pepper, anise, cherries, and blackberries. Upon taste, this Brosseau Pinot shows power with grace. Fine grain tannins and intense minerality are tamed with the silky, rich texture. This wine is built to last up to 10+ years, but decanting is recommended for early enjoyment. This wine when paired with lamb, cannot go wrong.

## Why is the Brosseau Vineyard special?

Heavy limestone and decomposed granite soils give the grapes from the Brosseau Vineyard a distinctive old world style, yet still produces rich, forward new world fruit flavors. Jon and Jan Brosseau planted their naturally low yielding vineyard in the shadow of Monterey County's Pinnacles National Monument in 1980. These quarter century old vines, farmed by Testarossa winemaker, Bill Brosseau, produce grapes of uncommon intensity and concentration.

## Flavor Profiles: Brosseau Vineyard Pinot Noir

This is a minerally, complex old-world style Pinot Noir from one of the most limestone-rich vineyards in North America. Ripe fruit flavors of cherries and dark red fruits combine with spice, dried flowers and earthy nuances. A long silky finish ends with hints of anise.

## 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	Brosseau Vineyard
Appellation	Chalone, Monterey County
Owner	Jon & Jan Brosseau
Year planted	1999
Acreage (for Testarossa)	2 acres
Yield	2.5 tons per acre
Soil composition	Heavy limestone soils with decomposed granite
Elevation	1,600-1,700 feet
Exposure	South, east & west facing slopes
Climate	Marine influenced afternoon breezes. Summer highs from 75° to 90° with pre-dawn lows in the 40s.
First Testarossa vintage	2002
Harvest	2005
Sugar	26.7
Total acidity	6.0g/l
pH	3.50
Date harvested	9/30/2005
<b>Bottle:</b>	
Alcohol	14.3%
Total acidity	5.4g/l
pH	3.59
Bottling date	4/30/2007
Time in oak	16 months
Percent new oak	40%
Production	253 cases
Suggested retail price	\$54/bottle
Opt. time for consumption	2007-2016

## 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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