



# Testarossa Vineyards

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## 2005 Fritschen Vineyard Pinot Noir

**92**  
points

You'll want to give this pretty Pinot some time in the bottle, to let it mellow out. Right now, it's a big-boned wine, with flamboyant raspberry, cherry and saffras flavors of the pie-filling kind, and a smoky, vanilla edge of oak. Despite the volume, the wine is dry and elegant, with a rich scour of cleansing acidity. Best after Winter 2007.

*Wine Enthusiast - November 2007*

2004

**93**  
points

Medium ruby color; deep, stewed cherry aromas, earthy and smoky notes; rich and ripe, stewed cherry, earthy, smoky notes; silky texture; good structure and balance; long finish. Silky and very tasty, this Pinot has great texture and delicious flavors.

*Pinot Report - April 2007*

2003

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points

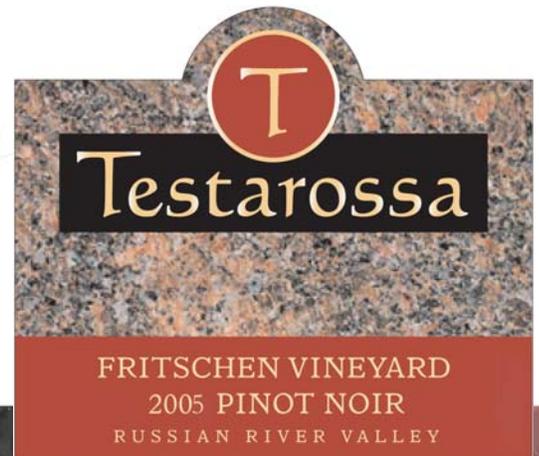
There's a lot of well-toasted oak on this wine that meshes seamlessly with the bright, intense cherry, pomegranate and spice flavors to produce extreme complexity.

*Wine Enthusiast - October 2005*

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points

A good core of juicy red cherry fruit and cinnamon; some tannin, sweet oak with good structure and balance, long finish. Deliciously complex and flavorful, this is the first Testarossa bottling from this vineyard, and it's a promising one!

*PinotReport - August 2005*



Passion in Every Glass!

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## Tasting notes from winemaker Bill Brosseau:

Deep, rich red hue. Initial aromas of cinnamon, cloves, and black pepper. Not before too long, does the ripe cherry and raspberry come to the forefront. This wine is very rich and expansive in the palate, showing more fruit than spice. The silky tannins lead to immediate gratification, yet this wine will offer so much more over the years to come. Drink now through 2014.

## Why is the Fritschen Vineyard special?

In Sonoma County, just across the Russian River from some of the most famous Pinot Noir vineyards in the country, sits John Fritschen's 3-acre hillside vineyard. A perfect location, steep slopes, meticulous farming and exciting new low-yielding clones contribute to incredibly intense flavors. Testarossa's exclusivity with this vineyard makes the Fritschen Vineyard our first "Monopole" Pinot Noir.

## Flavor Profiles: Fritschen Vineyard Pinot Noir

The Fritschen Vineyard offers its own unique expression of classic central Russian River Valley Pinot Noir characteristics. The steep hillsides lead to lower yields that further concentrate the Pinot flavors of red cherry, plum, spice, and a hint of pomegranate. The nose gives lovely violet notes with a wisp of herb and sage. A silky mouthfeel leads to a long elegant 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.

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| Vineyard                  | Fritschen Vineyard   |
| Appellation               | Russian River Valley, Sonoma County  |
| Owner                     | John Fritschen   |
| Year planted              | 2000   |
| Acreage (for Testarossa)  | 3 acres  |
| Yield                     | 2.6 tons per acre  |
| Soil composition          | Gravelly loam with abundant rock outcroppings  |
| Elevation                 | 100 feet   |
| Exposure                  | Southwest facing   |
| Climate                   | Marine influenced afternoon breezes. Summer highs from 75° to 90° with pre-dawn lows in the 50s. |
| First Testarossa vintage  | 2003   |
| Harvest                   | 2005   |
| Sugar                     | 26.9   |
| Total acidity             | 6.5g/l   |
| pH                        | 3.55   |
| Date harvested            | 9/8/2005   |
| <b>Bottle:</b>            |  |
| Alcohol                   | 14.5%  |
| Total acidity             | 6.0g/l   |
| pH                        | 3.62   |
| Bottling date             | 2/17/2007  |
| Time in oak               | 16 months  |
| Percent new oak           | 75%  |
| Production                | 208 cases  |
| Suggested retail price    | \$54/bottle  |
| Opt. time for consumption | 2007-2014  |

## 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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