



Testarossa Vineyards

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2005 Garys' Vineyard Pinot Noir

92
points

Testarossa always does a good job at keeping Garys' Pinots, which can be out-sized, tame. The '05 shows the vineyard's typicity in the big, ripe fruit and fullness of mouthfeel, yet stays elegant and polished. Cherries, black raspberries, sugared rosehip tea and sweetly smoky oak are the flavors, although the wine is fully dry on the finish. It will easily sustain some bottle age. Drink now-2010.
Wine Enthusiast - September 2007

2004 **91**
points

...It is carefully balanced and has a fine line of pure, ripe-cherry fruit, and it shows a hint of sweet cream off to the side. Its velvety palatal feel is the stuff of real varietal success, and, if just now a touch on the firm and lightly tannic side at the end, it will soften and knit together nicely in a couple of years.
Connoisseurs' Guide - September 2006

91
points

The youthful acidity really strikes you, and so do the silky texture and enormous flavors, all of which make it textbook Garys'. The raspberry parfait, sweet mint tea, and dusting of white chocolate are delicious, but the wine feels young and un resolved. It needs a little time to come together. Best 2007-2010.
Wine Enthusiast - December 2006

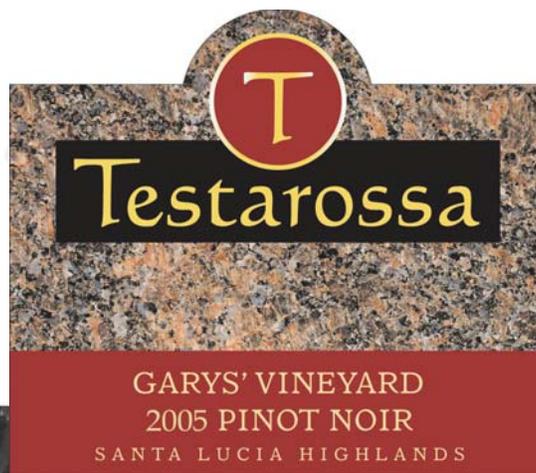
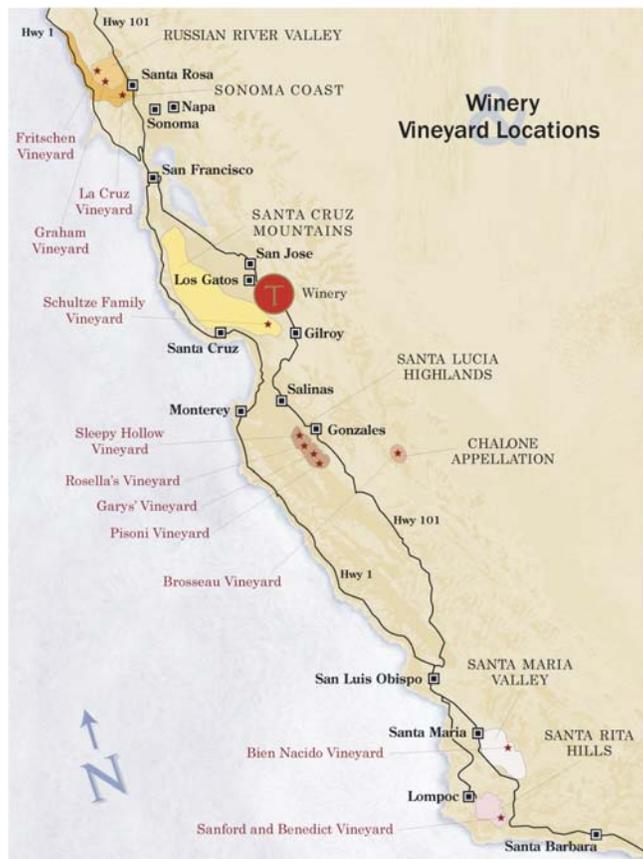
2003 93 points *PinotReport - August 2005*
92 points *Wine Enthusiast - October 2005*

2002 95 points *Restaurant Wine - January 2004*
94 points *PinotReport - April 2004*
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90 points *California Grapevine - April 2004*

2001 95 points *PinotReport - May 2003*
91 points *Connoisseurs' Guide - October 2003*

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Passion in Every Glass!

2005 Garys' Vineyard Pinot Noir

Tasting notes from winemaker Bill Brosseau:

Brilliant deep red color. This wine displays aromas of strawberry and cherry with a rich, jammy level of intensity. The aromas develop into more complexities of vanilla bean, cloves, and black pepper. The palate of the wine is highly structured with fine grape and oak tannin. Flavors of cherry and cloves carry through into the lengthy finish of this wine. While drinking young right now, this wine will continue to open and evolve with time. This wine will drink well for 7-8 years.

Why is the Garys' Vineyard special?

The Garys' Vineyard is a partnership between two Garys – Gary Pisoni, the owner of the famous Pisoni Vineyard in Monterey County's Santa Lucia Highlands and Gary Francioni, the owner of the Rosella's Vineyard, also in the Santa Lucia Highlands. This naturally low yielding vineyard is comprised of 42 acres of Pisoni Clone Pinot Noir and 8 acres of Syrah. Combined, the two families have over 200 years of farming experience in Monterey County.

Flavor Profiles: Garys' Vineyard Pinot Noir

The Garys' Vineyard produces Pinot Noir with rich blackberry and wild berry accents, with wonderful floral undertones. It is a wine of finesse and elegant silky tannins, with an ever so slight hint of spices, underlined by a pinch of white pepper.

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	Garys' Vineyard
Appellation	Santa Lucia Highlands, Monterey County
Owner	Gary Pisoni Family & Gary Francioni Family
Year planted	1997
Acreage (for Testarossa)	3 acres
Yield	3.8 tons per acre
Soil composition	Sandy, gravelly loam
Elevation	300-400 feet
Exposure	East/southeast facing slopes
Climate	Marine influenced, cool, foggy mornings and evenings; breezy afternoons. Highs to upper 80s. Lows in the 50s.
First Testarossa vintage	1999
Harvest	2005
Sugar	27.7
Total acidity	7.2g/l
pH	3.38
Date harvested	9/23/2005
Bottle:	
Alcohol	15.1%
Total acidity	6.7g/l
pH	3.46
Bottling date	12/12/2006
Time in oak	14 months
Percent new oak	55%
Production	715 cases
Suggested retail price	\$59/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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