



Testarossa Vineyards

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2005 Pisoni Vineyard Pinot Noir

94 points
This classic Pisoni has the translucent color and silky texture of a fine Pinot, but there's nothing delicate about the mouth-feel, which is explosive. Cherries, cola, pomegranates, rhubarb pie, coffee, herb tea, licorice, smoky oak – it all combines to provide an endlessly changing experience. This is a wine that should change in fascinating ways over the next 10 years.
Wine Enthusiast - June 2007

93 points
Medium ruby color; deep, earthy and slightly herbal aromas; ripe and full with deep black cherry, earthy and herbal flavors, good structure and balance; long finish. Deep, complex Pinot with an interesting herbal note. Needs time in the glass to open up.
Pinot Report - December 2007

2004 **93** points
Big and mouthfillingly juicy, a humongous Pinot with enormously ripe cherry, raspberry and vanilla pie filling flavors, and buttery, smoky oak. The amazing thing is how all this power is modified by the acids and delicate structure to yield elegance and finesse. Best now through 2010, depending on how you like older Pinots.
Wine Enthusiast - December 2006

92 points
There is real complexity to be found in the enveloping aromas of ripe black cherries, wildflowers and rich oak that introduce this deep and impressively filled Pinot, and the rich flavors that follow fully live up to promise. A big, but very well-balanced wine, it has all of the body and flesh that are typical of wines made from Pisoni grapes, but is also lively and charged with a certain youthful buoyancy that bodes quite well for age.
Connoisseurs' Guide - September 2006

92 points
Medium ruby color; earthy, cherry aromas; rich and ripe, with bright red cherry fruit and earthy notes, silky texture, good structure and balance; long finish. Lighter, more elegant style of Pinot that's a real pleasure to sip on its own.
Pinot Report - April 2007

2003 92 points *Connoisseurs' Guide - June 2005*

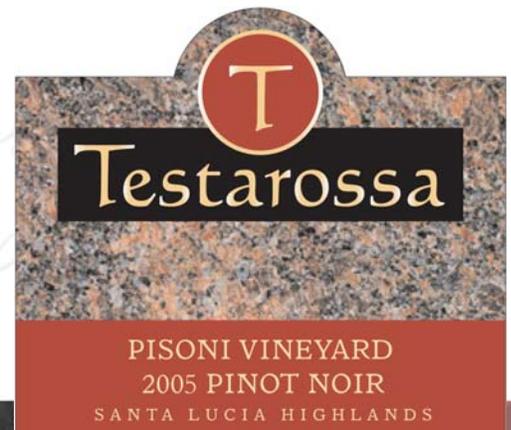
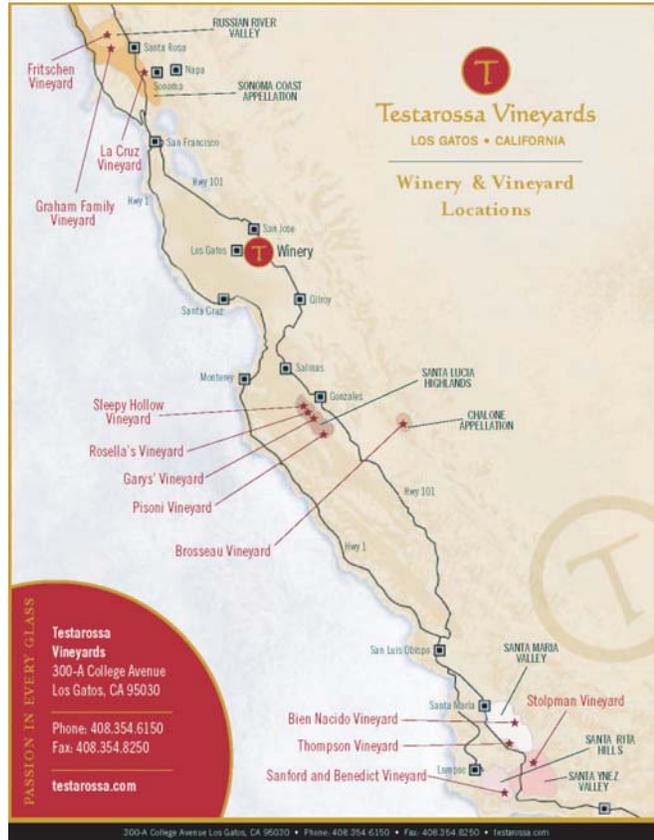
2002 93 points *PinotReport - November 2004*
91 points *Wine Enthusiast - November 2004*
91 points *California Grapevine - August 2004*

2001 95 points *Restaurant Wine - January 2004*
94 points *Wine & Spirits - June 2004*
93 points *PinotReport - April 2004*
90 points *Wine Spectator - April 2004*

2000 92 points *Wine Enthusiast - October 2002*

1998 98 points *Connoisseurs' Guide - February 2001*
92 points *Wine Spectator - February 2001*
90 points *Wine & Spirits - February 2001*

1997 92 points *Wine & Spirits - April 2000*



Passion in Every Glass!

2005 Pisoni Vineyard Pinot Noir

Tasting notes from winemaker Bill Brosseau:

Dark red color. This wine is all about cherries. With the cool vintage of 2005, the Pisoni Pinot Noir showcases some of the most intense cherry aromas and flavors. As this tightly wound, power-house wine unravels all of its subtleties, there are hints of eucalyptus, strawberries, and black pepper. With the rich and silky tannins, paired with crisp acidity this wine should age well for up to 10 years.

Why is the Pisoni Vineyard special?

Gary Pisoni and his family have never wavered in their belief that Pinot Noir is the greatest red varietal on the planet and that the slopes of the Santa Lucia Highlands in the cool northern climes of California's Monterey County are the best place to grow Pinot Noir. His family's intense obsession with growing the world's best Pinot Noir shows in every bottle from their unique vineyard.

Flavor Profiles: Pisoni Vineyard Pinot Noir

Full bodied richness and fruit flavors of plum and black cherry dominate our Pisoni Vineyard Pinot Noir. The forward fruit is complemented by old world characteristics of earth, loam, and dried leaf. The long velvety finish of this wines shows hints of mocha and chocolate. A firm backbone of acidity ensures that this wine will age gracefully for ten years or more.

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	Pisoni Vineyard
Appellation	Santa Lucia Highlands, Monterey County
Owner	Pisoni Family
Year planted	1992
Acreage (for Testarossa)	1 acre
Yield	2.8 tons per acre
Soil composition	Decomposed granite & clay
Elevation	1,200 feet
Exposure	Southeasterly-facing slopes
Climate	Summer daytime temperatures from 75 to 85 degrees; between 50 and 55 at night.
First Testarossa vintage	1997
Harvest	2005
Sugar	27.5
Total acidity	7.4 g/l
pH	3.32
Date harvested	9/27/2005
Bottle:	
Alcohol	14.3%
Total acidity	6.8 g/l
pH	3.39
Bottling date	9/28/2006
Time in oak	11 months
Percent new oak	60%
Production	176 cases
Suggested retail price	\$65/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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