



Testarossa Vineyards

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2005 Garys' Vineyard Syrah

93
points

This meaty syrah is juicy right in the middle and the juiciness lasts. It tastes of ripe wild blueberries – a little beauty, as sleek as a young Crozes-Hermitage with richer fruit. The elevation as well as the powerful winds from the Pacific make this vineyard, planted in 1997, a site to watch for cool climate Syrah.

Wine & Spirits - December 2007

91
points

This is a big wine that's not ready now-it's too tannic. That gives it a lockdown, numbing quality that blocks a full appreciation of fruit. But what fruit! Blackberries pure and simple, reduced to their quintessence. Such is the inherent integrity of this wine that it should effortlessly negotiate 4 to 6 years, gradually softening.

Wine Enthusiast - December 2007

2003

90
points

A dark Syrah from a vineyard famous for producing wines of volume and heft. It's dry and full, with rich blackberry, coffee, chocolate, plum and oaky-spice flavors.

Wine Enthusiast - March 2006

90
points

This extravagantly oaked effort scores big points for richness, balance and very fine fruit. It is broad and fleshy in feel, and its ample tannins are firm but never abrasive.

Connoisseurs' Guide - March 2006

90
points

Loud and bright, this wine combines bold, luscious fruit with extreme size. It finishes clean and lively for all its size, a simple pleasure with grilled lamb.

Wine & Spirits - April 2006

2001

93
points

Extraordinary scent of crushed blackberries. Generous red and black fruit, mineral edges, lush texture. So delicious. Open a bottle and fall in love.

Wine & Spirits - June 2004

93
points

Very ripe with the weight, viscosity and jammy, chocolatey character that such ripeness predicts. The wine is full, fleshy and well-balanced.

Connoisseurs' Guide - March 2004

90 points *Restaurant Wine - January 2004*

90 points *Wine Enthusiast - June 2004*

92 points *Wine Spectator - April 2004*

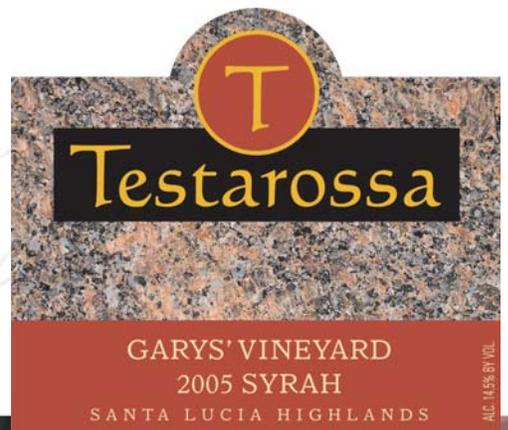
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90 points *Wine Enthusiast - February 2003*

1999

91 points *Connoisseurs' Guide - February 2002*

91 points *Los Angeles Times - February 2002*



Passion in Every Glass!

2005 Garys' Vineyard Syrah

Tasting notes from winemaker Bill Brosseau:

Dark purple hue. Please pass the white pepper! This Garys' Syrah is a perfect example of cool-climate Syrah. Intense aromas of white pepper and to a lesser extent blueberries, black pepper, and anise. On the palate, the wine is very silky and expansive. Layers of vanilla bean, blueberries, and bacon comprise of this rich Syrah, while not being over-powering. This wine has the stuffing to last 10+ years. A great pair for lamb or even dessert!

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 40 acres of Pisoni Clone Pinot Noir and 9 acres of Syrah. Combined, the two families have over 200 years of farming experience in Monterey County.

Flavor Profiles: Garys' Vineyard Syrah

Syrah from the cool climate Garys' Vineyard combines sour cherry and plum skin fruit characteristics with minerality, white pepper and spice, and a pinch of black pepper. It is often described as a Syrah made by a Pinot Noir producer, meaning that this Syrah is very silky and elegant.

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 Syrah Winemaking Techniques

It all starts in the vineyard where our winemaker, Bill Brosseau, works with our growers to produce rich, flavorful, and healthy grapes. All of the fruit is carefully hand sorted, and a gravity flow process is used throughout fermentation. For Syrah, we do an extended pre-fermentation coldsoak, and different from Pinot Noir, our winemaking team utilizes a combination of traditional punch downs mixed with more oxygenating pump-overs which are critical for this varietal.

Vineyard	Garys' Vineyard
Appellation	Santa Lucia Highlands, Monterey County
Owner	Gary Pisoni Family & Gary Francioni Family
Year planted	1997
Acreage (for Testarossa)	1.5 acres
Yield	3.1 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; mild sunny afternoons; highs to upper 80s. Lows in the 50s.
First Testarossa vintage	1999
Harvest	2005
Sugar	26.6
Total acidity	7.5 g/l
pH	3.46
Date harvested	10/27/2005
Bottle:	
Alcohol	14.5%
Total acidity	7.0 g/l
pH	3.53
Bottling date	4/30/2007
Time in oak	17 months
Percent new oak	31%
Production	218 cases
Suggested retail price	\$54/bottle
Opt. time for consumption	2007-2017

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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