



Testarossa Vineyards

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2006 Bien Nacido Vineyard Pinot Noir

★★★★

95
points

The Bien Nacido bottling is the best version of this wine yet. It is supple, full bodied, intensely flavored, and well balanced, with a long finish, tasting of cherry, toast, new oak, pepper, and plum.
Restaurant Wine - June 2008

92
points

Silky, supple and easy to like, this great wine has complex flavors of cherries, currants, black raspberries, cola, anise and dark Chinese tea. Feels luscious in the mouth, but as light and gentle as it is, it's an enormously complex wine. Best now-2010.
Wine Enthusiast - September 2008

91
points

The "Elder" here refers to soil type rather than wizened age, and, in fact, this very fruity and frontal offering is still somewhat limited yet by its youth. Its initial impressions of velvet are followed up by a bit of back-end astringency that furthers the sense that there are good things to come, but the wine's minor tannins do not mask its deep and clearly defined varietal fruit.
Connoisseurs' Guide - June 2008

90
points

There's a relaxed fruit character at the heart of this pinot, a coolness that balances the high-toned strawberry and peach pit flavors. The tannins feel meaty and firm, ready for a pulled pork sandwich.
Wine & Spirits - December 2008

2005 94 points *PinotReport* - December 2007
93 points *Connoisseurs' Guide* - March 2007
91 points *Wine Enthusiast* - June 2007

2004 93 points *PinotReport* - July 2006
92 points *Wine Enthusiast* - September 2006
90 points *Wine Spectator* - June 2006

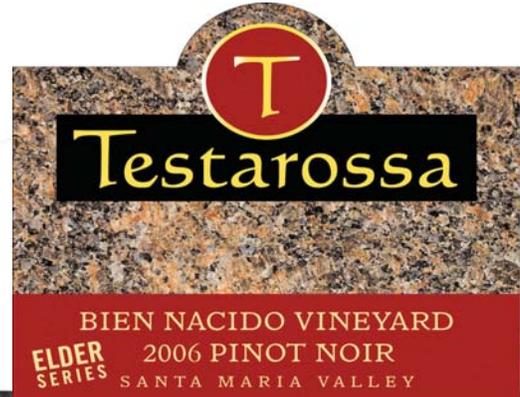
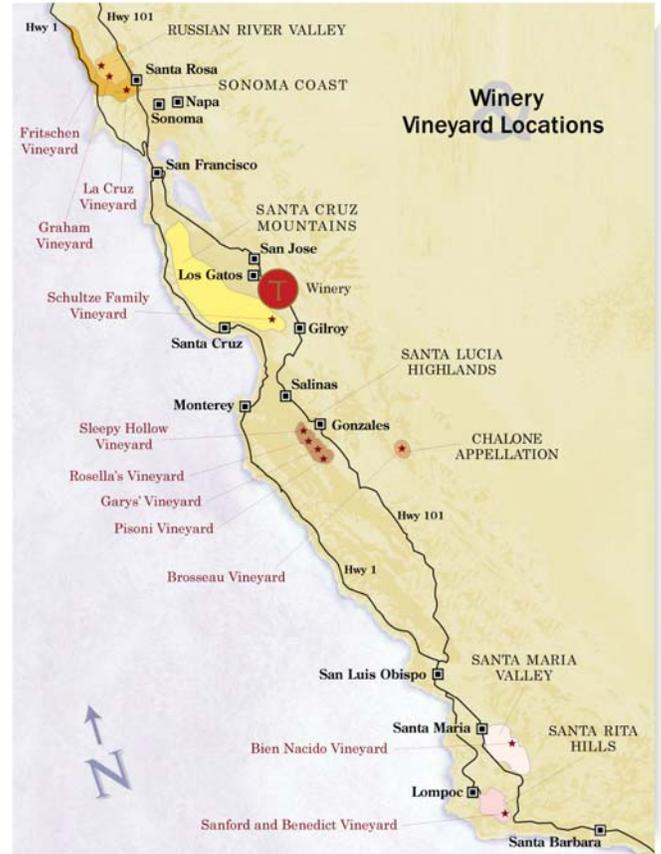
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2001 95 points *PinotReport* - May 2003
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2000 94 points *Connoisseurs' Guide* - July 2002
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90 points *Wine Enthusiast* - October 2002

1999 91 points *Wine Enthusiast* - December 2001
91 points *Wine & Spirits* - October 2001



Passion in Every Glass!

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Tasting notes from winemaker Bill Brosseau:

Deep rich purple color. This Bien Nacido Pinot goes to show that Santa Maria Valley is a world-class growing region. There is a complex array of black pepper, ripe cherry, anise, vanilla bean, and cloves in the aroma. Layers of cherry and spice amplify in the palate, wrapped by expansive tannins and crisp acidity. Richness in the aromas and palate make this a superstar Pinot Noir. Enjoy now through 2013.

Why is the Bien Nacido Vineyard special?

The Bien Nacido Vineyard, planted in 1973, sits in one of the most ideal locations in Santa Barbara County's cool ocean facing Santa Maria Valley which gives the grapes exceptionally long hang time. Underlying the eastern edge of the vineyard is an old crumbly shaley-loam stratum of soil called **Elder Series**, which adds extra mineral flavors to the wines.

Flavor Profiles: Bien Nacido Vineyard Pinot Noir

Forward rich cherry fruit, layers of complexity, spiciness and a special minerality are all unique characteristics of this wine from 30+ year old vines. Very old shaley-loam **Elder Series** soils underlie Testarossa's individually selected vineyard blocks giving this unmistakably rich New World Pinot Noir a complimentary Old World minerality.

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	Bien Nacido Vineyard
Appellation	Santa Maria Valley, Santa Barbara County
Owner	Miller Family
Year planted	1973
Acreage (for Testarossa)	8 acres
Yield	2.3 tons per acre
Soil composition	Elder Series shaley loam
Elevation	440 feet (134m)
Exposure	South/Southwest
Climate	Marine influenced, cool summer temperatures ranging from daytime highs in the low 70s to pre-dawn lows in the 50s
First Testarossa vintage	1997
Harvest	2007
Sugar	25.7
Total acidity	6.1g/l
pH	3.38
Dates harvested	10/11/2006
Bottle:	
Alcohol	14.3%
Total acidity	5.8g/l
pH	3.55
Bottling date	1/22/2008
Time in oak	14 months
Percent new oak	55%
Production	264 cases
Suggested retail price	\$56/bottle
Opt. time for consumption	2007-2013

Unique Characteristics of the 2006 Vintage

The long, cool, and wet spring of 2006 led to a slow start of the grape-growing season. Spring and summer temperatures across the state were very cool delaying the growing season. Beautiful Spring weather during flowering lead to higher than normal potential yields. The grapes ripened slowly during the mild summer and fall resulting in wines with concentrated flavors and crisp acidity.

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