



Testarossa Vineyards

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2006 Garys' Vineyard Pinot Noir

92
points

This is one of the most balanced and delicious of Testarossa's new 2006 Pinots. The vineyard is in the ternderloin of the appellation, and the wine brims with acid-brightened raspberry, cherry, cola, pomegranate and oak flavors that finish long and dry. It has the full-bodied appeal of a Santa Lucia Pinot, but maintains a certain delicacy and finesse.

Wine Enthusiast - May 2008

92
points

Cast in a somewhat riper and sturdier style than most of its siblings, this chunky, solidly fruited effort gets very good marks for its ripe-cherry focus and for its sense of substance and scale. Its more than ample fruit makes its drift to finishing heat but a minor distraction, and, given a couple of years in which to grow past its slight youthful toughness, it will both gain in complexity and find a welcome bit of refinement along the way.

Connoisseurs' Guide - June 2008

90
points

Well-structured, with ripe plum, wild berry, anise, sage and mineral notes, which give this a complex range of flavors and a backbone of acidity and tannins. Drink now through 2011.

Wine Spectator - June 2008

2004 91 points *Connoisseurs' Guide - September 2006*
91 points *Wine Enthusiast - December 2006*

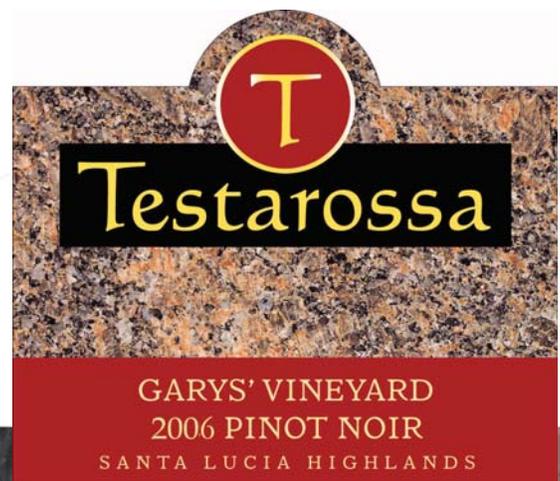
2003 93 points *PinotReport - August 2005*
92 points *Wine Enthusiast - October 2005*

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

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

2000 94 points *PinotReport - July 2002*
91 points *Connoisseurs' Guide - July 2002*
91 points *Wine Enthusiast - October 2002*

1999 95 points *Restaurant Wine - August 2001*
91 points *Connoisseurs' Guide - November 2001*
91 points *Wine Enthusiast - December 2001*
90 points *Decanter - January 2002*



Passion in Every Glass!

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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	3.9 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 after-noons. Highs to upper 80s. Lows in the 50s.
First Testarossa vintage	1999
Harvest	2006
Sugar	27.1
Total acidity	7.3g/l
pH	3.42
Date harvested	10/10-10/12/2006
Bottle:	
Alcohol	14.5%
Total acidity	6.7g/l
pH	3.51
Bottling date	11/14/2007
Time in oak	12 months
Percent new oak	55%
Production	864 cases
Suggested retail price	\$59/bottle
Opt. time for consumption	2007-2014

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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