



# TESTAROSSA

WINERY

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## 2007 BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

**94**  
POINTS

Testarossa has an incredible track record with Bien Nacido Pinot Noir, and in 2007, they've produced as fine a wine as they've ever done. It's dry, crisp, silky and just wonderful in the mouth, with rewarding flavors of cherries, currants, cola, licorice, sautéed wild mushrooms, balsamic and pepper. Terrific and complex now, and should slowly age for at least six years. Cellar Selection. - Wine Enthusiast, July 2009

**90**  
POINTS

There's a supple, almost sweet character to the strawberry fruit in this gripping red. It gains definition with air, the fruit shifting somewhere between cherry and strawberry. Lean and mouthwatering, this is a savory match for the dark meat of roast turkey. thing that much better. -Wine & Spirits, August 2009

PREVIOUS VINTAGE SCORES

<b>2006</b>	95 points Restaurant Wine- June 2008 92 points, Wine Enthusiast- September 2008 91 points Connoisseurs' Guide- June 2008 90 points Wine & Spirits -December 2008
<b>2005</b>	94 points PinotReport - December 2007 93 points Connoisseurs' Guide - March 2007 91 points Wine Enthusiast - June 2007
<b>2004</b>	93 points PinotReport - July 2006 92 points Wine Enthusiast - September 2006 90 points Wine Spectator - June 2006
<b>2003</b>	93 points PinotReport - April 2005 92 points Wine & Spirits - June 2005 92 points Connoisseurs' Guide - February 2005 90 points Wine Enthusiast-July 2005
<b>2002</b>	95 points PinotReport - April 2004 93 points Restaurant Wine - January 2004 92 points Connoisseurs' Guide - February 2004



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## Tasting notes from winemaker Bill Brosseau:

Medium red hue. Scents of red cherry, blueberry, and cranberry are paired with hints of black pepper, anise, and vanilla bean. Cherry, black pepper, anise carry through into the flavor profile of this bright, well structured Pinot Noir. Fine tannins lead into a lingering and austere finish. Drink now through 2015.

## 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

rward 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.

## Unique Characteristics of the 2007 Vintage

The 2007 vintage started out in California style, with drought-like conditions. This lack of rain, plus a large crop from the year before, stunted the reserves in the grapevines. This scenario leads to small berries and short clusters. Weather at flowering was cool and delayed, leading to a mismatch of berries sizes. Overall, we saw many small berries, few seeds, and a high skin to juice ratio. With a moderate climatic season, we saw even ripening and good physiological ripeness as well. These factors contribute to supple tannins and good acidity. Overall, a great year for California, except for the low yields.

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 (134 m)
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
Average Harvest	2007
Average Sugar	26.1
Average Total acidity	6.36g/l
Average pH	3.70
Dates harvested	October 2, 2007
<b>Bottle:</b>	
Alcohol	14.3%
Total acidity	6.11g/l
pH	3.70
Bottling date	November 11, 2008
Time in oak	13 months
Percent new oak	54%
Production	177 cases
Suggested retail price	\$56 per bottle
Opt. time for consumption	2010-2015

