



TESTAROSSA

WINERY

LOS GATOS CALIFORNIA

2007 PISONI VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

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POINTS

Deep ruby color; tight, closed earthy and herbal aromas; opens up to deep, full ripe black cherry, herbal and earthy flavors; moderate tannin and oak good structure and balance; long finish. Big, deep, powerful Pinot from a truly unique Pinot vineyard. Needs a bunch of time but will reward your patience.

PinotReport, October 2009

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POINTS

This is the best of Testarossa's Spring-release Pinots. It shows the pedigree of the vineyard, a big, rich, almost heavy young Pinot Noir whose cherry, spice and smoky cedar flavors are accented with fine acidity and rich tannins. Should age well for up to a decade.

Wine Enthusiast, October 2009

PREVIOUS VINTAGE SCORES

2006	93 points, Wine Enthusiast, May 2008
2005	94 points, Wine Enthusiast, June 2007 93 points, PinotReport, February 2007
2004	93 points, Wine Enthusiast, December 2006 92 points, Connoisseurs' Guide, September 2006 92 points, PinotReport, April 2007
2003	92 points, Connoisseurs' Guide, June 2005
2002	93 points, PinotReport, November 2004 91 points, California Grapevine, August 2004 91 points, Wine Enthusiast, November 2004
2001	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



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Tasting notes from winemaker Bill Brosseau:

Deep red color. Scents of anise, cherry, sage, black pepper, and cloves. Flavors of cherry, black pepper, and anise carry through the palate into smooth, expansive tannins. The long, lush finish of this wine is a signature of our Pisoni Pinot Noir. Enjoy now through 2015.

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.

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	Sleepy Hollow Vineyard
Appellation	Santa Lucia Highlands, Monterey County
Owner	Pisoni Family
Year planted	1992
Acreage (for Testarossa)	1 acre
Yield	2.0 tons per acre
Soil composition	Decomposed granite & clay
Elevation	1200 feet
Exposure	Southeasterly-facing slopes
Climate	Summer daytime temperatures from 75 to 85 degrees; between 50 to 55 degrees at night.
First Testarossa vintage	1997
Harvest	2007
Sugar	28.6
Total acidity	6.7g/l
pH	3.38
Date harvested	9/10/2007
Bottle:	
Alcohol	14.6%
Total acidity	6.24g/l
pH	3.42
Bottling date	11/11/2008
Time in oak	14 months
Percent new oak	40%
Production	135 cases
Suggested retail price	\$65/bottle
Opt. time for consumption	2009-2015

