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2009 BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

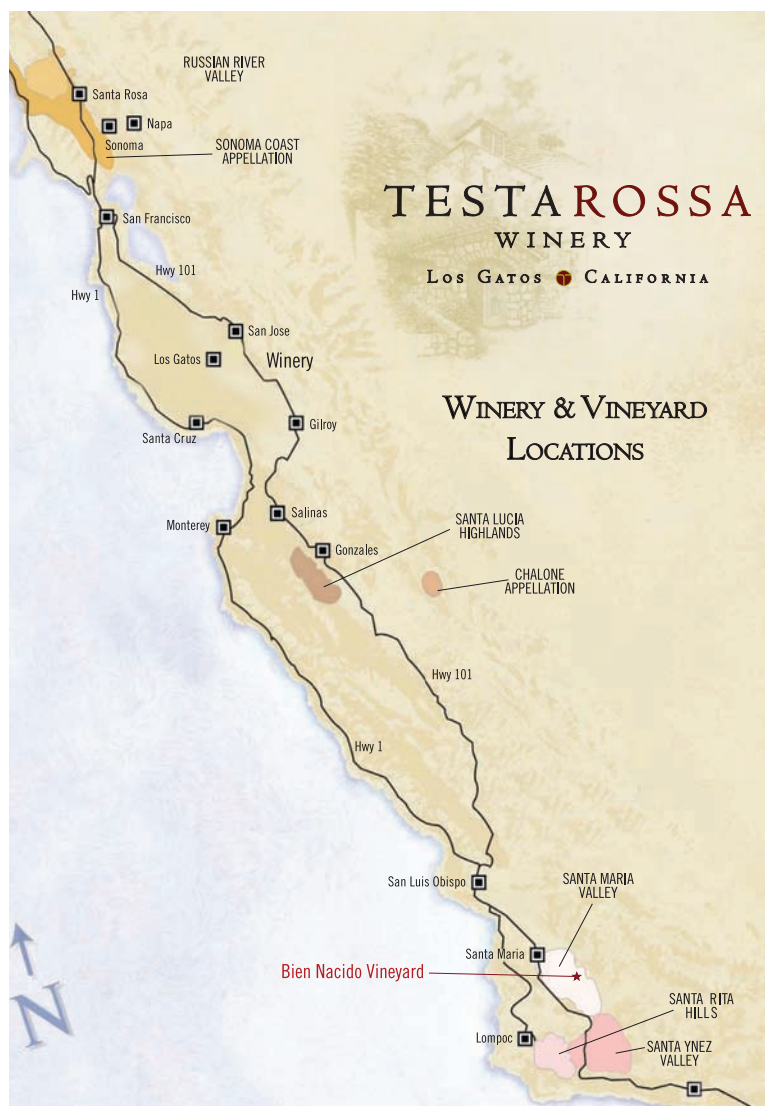
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Wine Enthusiast, November 2011

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PREVIOUS VINTAGE SCORES

2008	93 points Connoisseurs' Guide 91 points Pinor Report Issue #68
2007	Wine & Spirits "Year's Best Pinot Noir" 94 points Wine Enthusiast - July 2009 91 points PinotReport - October 2009 90 points Wine Advocate- September 2009 90 points Wine & Spirits- August 2009
2006	95 points Restaurant Wine- June 2008 92 points, Wine Enthusiast- September 2008 91 points Connoisseurs' Guide- June 2008 90 points 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
2003	93 points PinotReport - April 2005 92 points Wine & Spirits - June 2005 92 points Connoisseurs' Guide - February 2005 90 points Wine Enthusiast-July 2005
2002	95 points PinotReport - April 2004 93 points Restaurant Wine - January 2004 92 points Connoisseurs' Guide - February 2004



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Tasting notes from Director of Winemaking, Bill Brosseau:

Medium red color. This Santa Maria Valley appellation wine really shows off nice aromas of black pepper, sage, anise, vanilla bean, while being paired evenly with hints of cherry and cranberry. While spice and fruit balance the nose, the palate of this wine flows into a more focused fruit character of cherry and cranberry, with notes of anise in the background. The tannins are velvety and paired with firm acidity, lending this wine to some serious intensity to stand up to almost any dish. Just before the wine becomes too rich and loses balance, the acidity regains control, ending the wine on a refreshing finish. Drink now through 2017.

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

Fruit 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 Director of Winemaking, 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 2009 Vintage

"The 2009 vintage had less than average rainfall. The weather was moderate through the summer leading to optimal ripening conditions which brought harvest earlier than normal. The wines are quite approachable and have nice complexity of flavor. "

- Bill Brosseau, Director of Winemaking

Vineyard	Bien Nacido Vineyard
Appellation	Santa Maria Valley, Santa Barbara County
Owner	Miller Family
Year planted	1973
Acreage (for Testarossa)	8 acres
Yield	3.5 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
Harvest	2008
Sugar	26.4
Total acidity	6.75g/l
pH	3.67
Dates harvested	September 13, 2008
Bottle:	
Alcohol	14.1%
Total acidity	6.3g/l
pH	3.5
Bottling date	November 11, 2009
Time in oak	14 months
Percent new oak	48%
Production	350 cases
Suggested retail price	\$56 per bottle
Opt. time for consumption	2010-2017

