



2012 PINOT NOIR SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS

Santa Lucia Highlands Appellation



WINEMAKER NOTES

Deep red hue. Vibrant notes of anise, vanilla bean, orange blossom, dark cherry, cranberry, strawberry preserves swirl nicely in the nose. Flavors of cherry, cranberry, and citrus transition nicely into a refreshing palate, balanced with crisp acidity and silky tannins. Finish is multi-layered, complex, and hedonistic. Drink now through 2018.

~Bill Brosseau, Winemaker

APPELLATION

Working closely with some of the top vineyards in the Santa Lucia Highlands' appellation, Testarossa has produced this limited release Pinot Noir from the exceptional 2012 vintage. The Highlands is one of the state's best known regions for world-class Pinot Noir. The area's close proximity to Monterey Bay makes for a very cool climate, with one of California's longest growing seasons. The resulting slow, gentle ripening allows for full flavor development on the vine. Testarossa's production team's experience with the best estates in the SLH insure only the highest quality fruit makes it to the winery. For this vintage, proprietors Rob and Diana Jensen and winemaker Bill Brosseau primarily drew upon the Dos Rubios and Doctor's vineyards.

ACCOLADES

2012 Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir
Not Yet Reviewed

2011 Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir
91 Points *Galloni*

2010 Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir
91 Points *Connoisseurs' Guide*

2010 Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir
90 Points *Wine Enthusiast*

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Appellation: Santa Lucia Highlands
Soil: porous, well-drained shaly loams
Elevation: 200-600 ft.
Vineyards: Primarily Dos Rubios and Doctor's Vineyards
1st TRW Vintage: 2009
Alcohol: 14.3%
Acidity: 5.88 g/L 3.66 pH
Cooperage: 100% French Oak
 60% New Oak
Aging: 10 Months
Harvested: October, 2012
Produced: 2671 Cases

WINERY

Testarossa (Italian for "red head") was the nickname given Rob Jensen as a young university student in Italy. Rob and Diana Jensen started Testarossa in their garage in 1993 with just twenty-five cases of wine. Today, the label has grown to national prominence among collectors by cultivating long-term partnerships with passionate growers and vineyards.



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