

2016 PINOT NOIR SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS



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Appellation: Santa Lucia Highlands

Soil: Sandy, gravelly loam

Elevation: 200-600 ft.

Vineyard: Guidotti and Doctor's
Vineyards and Tondre
Grapefield

First TRW Vintage: 2009

Alcohol: 14.2%

Acidity: 5.6g/L - 3.54pH

Cooperage: 100% French oak,
22% New Oak

Aging: 9 months

Harvested: September 2016

Produced: 149 barrels

WINEMAKER NOTES

Medium red hue. This Pinot Noir blend from the Santa Lucia Highlands showcases classic aromas of pomegranate, cranberry, orange zest, sage and dried herbs as well as some underlying notes of chokecherry and vanilla bean. Upon taste, the red fruits and dried herbs intensify in the palate. Modest acidity and a full range of tannins make for a wine with great depth and versatility. The finish continues with an abundance of fine grain tannins, red fruits, and youthful characters. Enjoy now through 2024.

~Bill Brosseau, Director of Winemaking

APPELLATION

Working closely with the top vineyards in the Santa Lucia Highlands' appellation, Testarossa has produced yet another distinctive vintage of this highly anticipated Pinot Noir. The Highlands is one of the state's best known regions for world-class Chardonnay and 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 partnership with the best estates in the Santa Lucia Highlands ensure only the highest quality fruit makes it to the winery.

ACCOLADES

2016 Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir
NYR

2015 Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir
93 Points *Anthony Dias Blue / The SOMM Journal*

2014 Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir
90 Points *Wine Spectator*

2013 Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir
92 Points *Wine Spectator*

2012 Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir
91 Points *Wine Enthusiast*

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 winegrowers and vineyards.



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