



Testarossa Vineyards

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2001 Garys' Vineyard Syrah

93
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Wine & Spirits - June 2004

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Very ripe with the weight, viscosity and jammy, chocolatey character that such ripeness predicts. The wine is full, fleshy and well-balanced with plentiful fruit and creamy oak.
Connoisseurs' Guide - March 2004

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Dark-hued, intense and spicy, with a peppery edge. Concentrated wild berry, floral and fresh game-meat Syrah flavors, revealing rich mineral, fresh earth and round tannins.
Wine Spectator - April 2004

90
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Deliciously smooth and full-bodied, this big red wine is plump with flavors of plums, cherries, mocha, tangerine rind and spicy oak. It's really a good wine.
Wine Enthusiast - June 2004

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Fine Syrah, in a rich, supple style. It is quite peppery and toasty in aroma/flavor, with boysenberry, plum, and tobacco overtones. Very long finish.
Restaurant Wine - January 2004



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A fabulously rich, generous wine that oozes over the palate like nectar, carrying along black currant, cassis and herb flavors.
Wine Enthusiast - February 2003

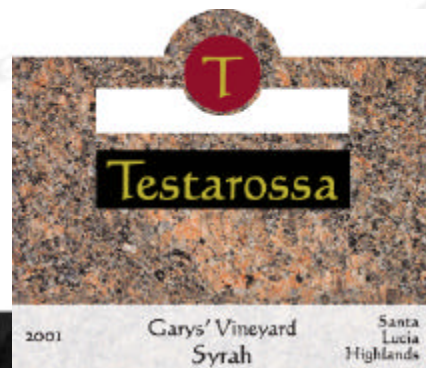
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Massive mouth-coating Syrah simply spilling over with ripe berries, gamey spice and insistent black pepper aspects. Thick and fleshy, it finishes with lasting flavors of fruit and spice. An all-out effort by any standard.
Connoisseurs' Guide - February 2002

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The Santa Lucia Highlands are better known for Pinot Noir, but this tasty effort makes a strong case that the warmer parts of the area may also be Syrah territory.
Los Angeles Times - February 2002



Passion in Every Glass!

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Why is the Garys' Vineyard special?

The Garys' Vineyard is a partnership between two Garys – Gary Pisoni, the owner of the famous Pisoni Vineyard in Monterey County's Santa Lucia Highlands and Gary Francioni, the owner of the Rosella's Vineyard, also in the Santa Lucia Highlands. This naturally low yielding vineyard is comprised of 40 acres of Pisoni Clone Pinot Noir and 9 acres of Syrah. Combined, the two families have over 200 years of farming experience in Monterey County.

Flavor Profiles: Garys' Vineyard Syrah

Syrah from the cool climate Garys' Vineyard combines sour cherry and plum skin fruit characteristics with minerality, white pepper and spice, and a pinch of black pepper. It is often described as a Syrah made by a Pinot Noir producer, meaning that this Syrah is very silky and elegant.

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 Syrah Winemaking Techniques

It all starts in the vineyard where our winemaker, Bill Brosseau, works with our growers to produce rich, flavorful, and healthy grapes. All of the fruit is carefully hand sorted, and a gravity flow process is used throughout fermentation. For Syrah, we do an extended pre-fermentation coldsoak, and different from Pinot Noir, our winemaking team utilizes a combination of traditional punch downs mixed with more oxygenating pump-overs which are critical for this varietal.

Unique Characteristics of the 2001 Vintage

The 2001 vintage started off with a long cool spring, followed by ideal warmer conditions during the summer. The fall harvest season was picture perfect with day after day of sunshine and nary a rain cloud in sight until well after harvest was complete. The long hang time and perfect harvest conditions make this a classic vintage that should have great aging potential for both our red and white wines.

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Tasting Room Open
11am to 5pm Daily

Vineyard	Garys' Vineyard
Appellation	Santa Lucia Highlands, Monterey County
Owner	Gary Pisoni Family & Gary Francioni Family
Year planted	1997
Acreage (for Testarossa)	1.5 acres
Yield	3 tons per acre
Soil composition	Sandy, gravelly loam
Elevation	300-400 feet
Exposure	East/southeast-facing slopes
Climate	Marine influenced, cool foggy mornings and evenings; mild sunny afternoons; highs to upper 80s. Lows in the 50s.
First Testarossa vintage	1999
Harvest	2001
Sugar	25.1
Total acidity	7.0g/l
pH	3.51
Date harvested	10/18/2001
Bottle:	
Alcohol	14.6%
Total acidity	6.3g/l
pH	3.62
Bottling date	7/16/2003
Time in oak	18 months
Percent new oak	40%
Production	393 cases
Release date	March 2004
Suggested retail price	\$42/bottle
Opt. time for consumption	2005-2011


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