



Testarossa Vineyards

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2002 Garys' Vineyard Pinot Noir

★★★★★

95
points

A stunning Pinot Noir. The '02 Garys' is superb: full bodied and intensely flavored with light tannins and a very long finish.

Restaurant Wine – January 2004

94
points

Concentrated berry and black cherry aromas with a hint of savory spice and bacon. Testarossa makes one of the best Pinots from the Garys' Vineyard and the 2002 is no exception.

PinotReport – April 2004

92
points

Remarkably elegant and supple, with pretty floral, lilac, wild berry and blackberry scents. A tapestry of complex flavors with a wonderful sense of finesse and grace.

Wine Spectator – April 2004

90
points

Spicy, complex, sweet raspberry and black cherry fruit aroma with notes of vanilla and anise; overtones of creamy oak. Very highly recommended.

California Grapevine – April 2004

2001

95
points

Terrific structure, balance and finish. WOW! This is easily one of the best Testarossa Pinots I've tasted – a wine you don't want to miss.

PinotReport – May 2003

2000

94
points

Deep, complex black fruit, plum and earthy aromas; structure is right on. Complex character plus incredible balance really makes this wine stand out.

PinotReport – July 2002

91
points

Smoky, brambly raspberry is the dominant aromatic character here, while high-tomed cherry and raspberry fruit sings on the racy, spicy palate.

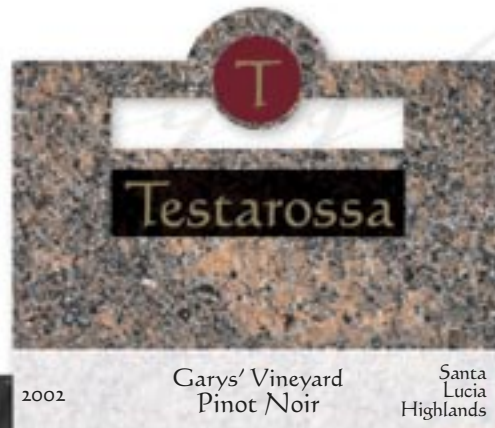
Wine Enthusiast – October 2002

1999

91
points

Hits the palate with a blast of spicy berry fruit, opulent and sweet, wrapped in lush smooth tannins. A seductive, silky wine.

Wine Enthusiast – December 2001



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 Pinot Noir

The Garys' Vineyard produces Pinot Noir with rich blackberry and wild berry accents, with wonderful floral undertones. It is a wine of finesse and elegant silky tannins, with an ever so slight hint of spices, underlined by a pinch of white pepper.

Testarossa 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 back-bone 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 2002 Vintage

The 2002 vintage was a stark contrast to the 2001 season. 2002 began with slightly erratic weather in the spring, then transitioned into a steady warmth after the flowering period. Unlike 2001, the warm Indian summer continued on through October, leading to intense flavor development in the cooler sites of Monterey and Santa Barbara Counties. These combined effects led to small crops and intense, ripe flavor profiles in the finished wines.

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Vineyard	Garys' Vineyard
Appellation	Santa Lucia Highlands, Monterey County
Owner	Gary Pisoni Family & Gary Francioni Family
Vine age	6 years
Acreage (for Testarossa)	5 acres
Yield	2.9 tons per acre
Soil composition	Sandy loam
Elevation	500 feet (150m)
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	2002
Sugar	25.5
Total acidity	7.1g/l
pH	3.43
Date harvested	9/26/2002
Bottle:	
Alcohol %	14.6%
Total acidity	5.9g/l
pH	3.56
Bottling date	11/19/2003
Time in oak	13 months
Percent new oak	65%
Production	374 cases
Release date	March 2004
Suggested retail price	\$49/bottle
Opt. time for consumption	2004-2009

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