



Testarossa Vineyards

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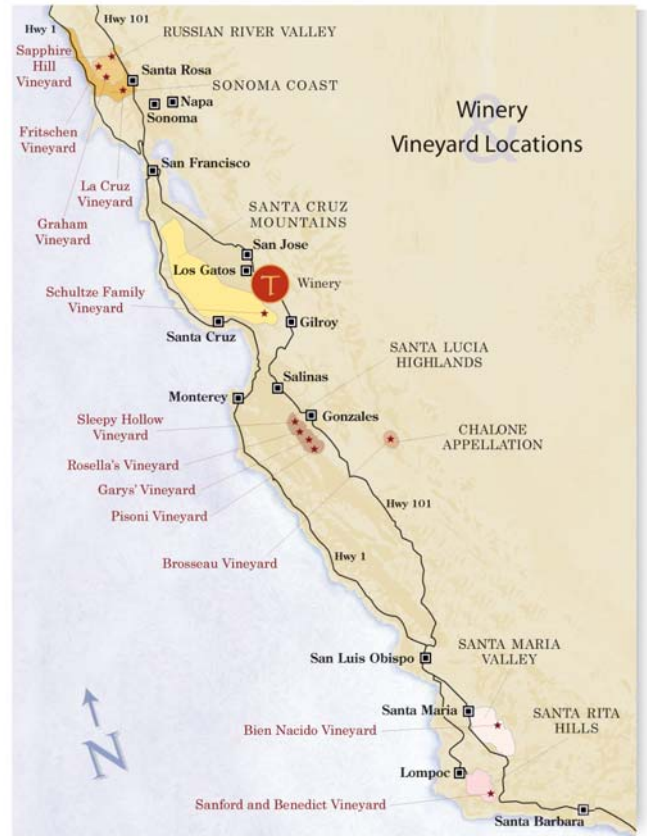
Bill Brosseau, Winemaker



Photo by Dave Robinson

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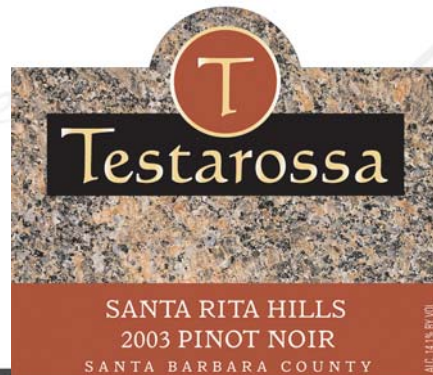
James Laube
Wine Spectator
March 18, 2005



Winery
Vineyard Locations

"About 10 years ago, a handful of the area's growers began discussing the need for a Santa Rita Hills appellation because they saw the quality of its grapes as distinctive. They also recognized that the long east-west-tending Santa Ynez Valley was much cooler at its western end, where Santa Rita is located."

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"Santa Barbara's New Frontier — Santa Rita Hills cool-climate Pinot Noirs add an enticing new twist"
September 15, 2003



Passion in Every Glass!

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Tasting notes from winemaker Bill Brosseau:

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Why is the Santa Rita Hills Appellation special?

Santa Barbara's Santa Ynez Valley has always been the tale of two sides. The side of the valley west of Highway 101 is significantly cooler with a greater influence from the Pacific Ocean than the east side. In 2001, this region, particularly suited for growing amazingly complex Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, got its own official AVA name - the Santa Rita Hills.

Flavor Profiles: Santa Rita Hills Pinot Noir

Deep cherry, wild berry, and raspberry nuances are the hallmark of our Santa Rita Hills Pinot Noir. Add to that layers of spicy lavender, tea, anise, and cola flavors, and the result is yet another world-class Testarossa Pinot Noir.

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 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 2003 Vintage

2003 started off with uncharacteristically warm 80-degree weather in January, fooling some of our vineyards into coming out of dormancy two weeks to two months early. As the season progressed, the warm weather did not relent and most of the fruit ripened within a small time frame. The early bud break allowed the grapes to achieve record hang time resulting in wines that show great depth of flavor, color and richness.

Vineyard	Clos Pepe Vineyard
Appellation	Santa Rita Hills
Year planted	1998
Average yield	2.0 tons per acre
Harvest	2003
Average sugar	26.0
Average total acidity	7.0g/l
Average pH	3.35
Date harvested	10/20/2003
Bottle:	
Alcohol	14.1%
Total acidity	6.7g/l
pH	3.44
Bottling date	3/18/2005
Time in oak	18 months
Percent new oak	50%
Production	152 cases
Release date	May 2005
Suggested retail price	\$54/bottle
Opt. time for consumption	2005-2015

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2004 Winery of the Year



"In only a decade, this small Los Gatos winery has established a solid reputation for the consistent quality of its wines, which are among the best now being produced in the USA."

Ronn Wiegand, MW & MS, Editor



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