



Testarossa Vineyards

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2004 Bien Nacido Vineyard Pinot Noir

- 93** points
Silky texture, good structure and balance, long finish. Big and ripe, this Pinot from Bien Nacido Vineyard really shows the depth and complexity the vineyard can produce.
PinotReport - July 2006
- 92** points
The pure cherry kirsch flavors are perfectly integrated into the oak, acid and tannic structure, with an elegantly silky texture. The result is pure Pinot pleasure.
Wine Enthusiast - September 2006
- 90** points
A savory style, ripe, rich and complex, with dried cherry, herb, sage and mineral flavors. On the finish the tannins give it nice structure.
Wine Spectator - June 2006

2003

- 93** points
Big, full and rich, deep black cherry and plum fruit. WOW! This wine really has the depth and complexity that makes Pinot so interesting.
PinotReport - April 2005
- 92** points
Red cherry and rose scents build in layers behind a youthful tannin. An intriguing portrait of the Bien Nacido vineyard.
Wine & Spirits - June 2005
- 92** points
Expansive aromas of ripe cherries, orange-rind, creme brulee and oaky spice. A full-bodied wine, supple with a fine sense of balance and firm structure.
Connoisseurs' Guide - February 2005
- 90** points
Intense flavors that are opulently ripe, although the wine is correctly dry. Light and silky, with crisp acidity and a lingering aftertaste.
Wine Enthusiast - July 2005

2002

- 95 points *PinotReport - April 2004*
- 93 points *Restaurant Wine - January 2004*
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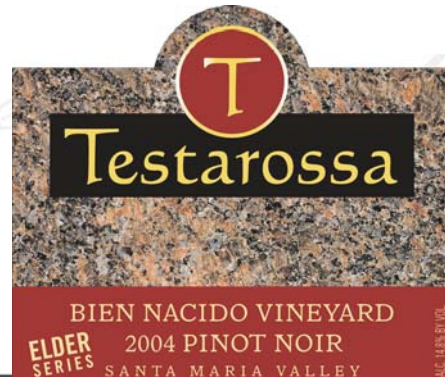
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- 91 points *Wine Enthusiast - December 2001*
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Passion in Every Glass!

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Tasting notes from winemaker Bill Brosseau:

Deep garnet color. Aromas of black pepper, anise, and spice leading to scents of ripe cherry and nutmeg. Upon taste, the black pepper spice ebbs and flows with the taste of custard. The texture is fine and well integrated, leading to a plush and lasting finish. Enjoy for the next 6-8 years.

Why is the Bien Nacido Vineyard special?

The Bien Nacido Vineyard, planted in 1973, sits in one of the most ideal locations in Santa Barbara County's cool ocean facing Santa Maria Valley which gives the grapes exceptionally long hang time. Underlying the eastern edge of the vineyard is an old crumbly shaley-loam stratum of soil called **Elder Series**, which adds extra mineral flavors to the wines.

Flavor Profiles: Bien Nacido Vineyard Pinot Noir

Forward rich cherry fruit, layers of complexity, spiciness and a special minerality are all unique characteristics of this wine from 30+ year old vines. Very old shaley-loam **Elder Series** soils underlie Testarossa's individually selected vineyard blocks giving this unmistakably rich New World Pinot Noir a complimentary Old World minerality.

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 2004 Vintage

2004 started off with an unusually warm dry spring, resulting in enhanced fruitfulness in the vineyards. Moderately warm summer temperatures meant harvest would come a week or two early. September began with a big heat spike, low humidity, and little fog, and harvest ramped up to full capacity instantly. Color and tannin intensity of the wines are pleasantly balanced with a rich fruit-forward focus.

Vineyard	Bien Nacido Vineyard
Appellation	Santa Maria Valley, Santa Barbara County
Owner	Miller Family
Year planted	1973
Acreage (for Testarossa)	8 acres
Yield	2 tons per acre
Soil composition	Elder Series shaley loam
Elevation	440 feet (134m)
Exposure	South/Southwest
Climate	Marine influenced, cool summer temperatures ranging from daytime highs in the low 70s to pre-dawn lows in the 50s
First Testarossa vintage	1997
Harvest	2004
Sugar	26.3
Total acidity	6.7g/l
pH	3.46
Dates harvested	9/11 - 9/25/2004
Bottle:	
Alcohol	14.8%
Total acidity	6.2g/l
pH	3.58
Bottling date	12/15/2005
Time in oak	14 months
Percent new oak	50%
Production	698 cases
Release date	February 2006
Suggested retail price	\$54/bottle
Opt. time for consumption	2006-2012

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