



Testarossa Vineyards

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2004 Palazzo Pinot Noir

90
points

Aromas of ripe cherries, wild flowers and an underlying edge of tart berries filled out by creamy oak. Weight and bright energy mix on the palate, and its flavors fall in step. *Connoisseurs' Guide - February 2006*

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Cherry flavors with toasty oak and subtle earthy notes, good structure and balance, lingering finish. A very tasty Pinot with a lot of interesting flavors. *PinotReport - July 2006*

2003

92
points

Black cherry and plum flavors. Big and rich, this Pinot has the structure to age, but it's drinking so well now you'll be sorely tempted. *PinotReport - April 2005*

91
points

This wine feels balanced and tastes delicious. Deep tones of forest berries and rich texture are still light enough for any fish off the grill. *Wine & Spirits - June 2005*

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Rich, spicy, oaky notes and extracted ripe cherry fruit seasoned with hints of caramel and toast. Full of flavor and youthful energy. *Connoisseurs' Guide - February 2005*

2002

92
points

Ruby color, spicy, savory red cherry aromas with a hint of oak; good structure, balanced with a long finish. Silky texture and complex flavors make this great for anything with mushrooms - either over a steak or with pasta. *PinotReport - April 2004*

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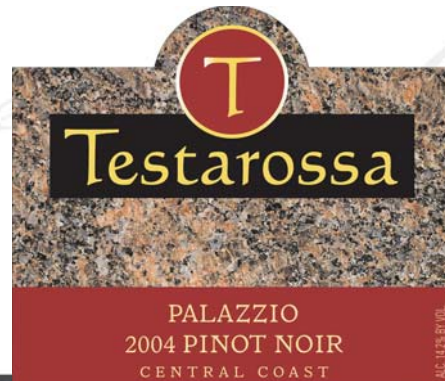
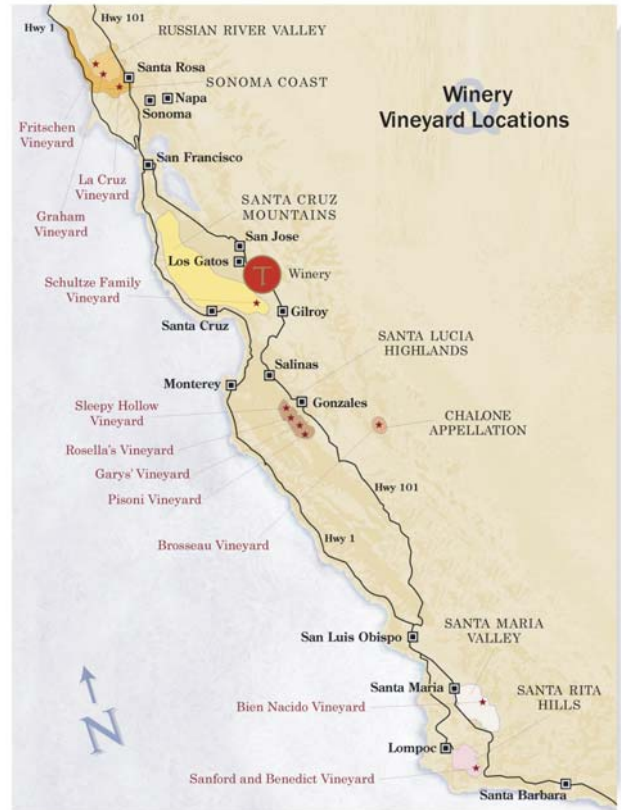
Extremely well balanced, this is a fine blend, with spicy, fruity, toasty aromas and flavors, and a very long finish. Best version yet of this wine. *Restaurant Wine - January 2004*

2001

90 points *PinotReport - May 2003*

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90 points *PinotReport - July 2002*



Passion in Every Glass!

2004 Palazzio Pinot Noir

Tasting notes from winemaker Bill Brosseau:

Deep red color. Hints of dark cherry, clove, and vanilla. The mouthfeel leads with bright cherry and spice followed by supple tannin. The finish is rich and lengthy. Should age well for 5 to 7 years.

What is Testarossa's Palazzio Pinot Noir?

The name Testarossa (Italian for "red-head") was Rob's nickname while a University student in Assisi, Italy almost 20 years ago. We named our flagship Pinot Noir "Palazzio" (a derivation of the Italian word for "Palace") to continue the theme we started with our Castello ("Castle") Chardonnay.

Flavor Profiles: Palazzio Pinot Noir

Palazzio Pinot Noir is a blend of several vineyards which combines more forward "California style" fruit from Santa Barbara, with more "old world style" Pinot Noir from Monterey to create a blend that combines rich forward, sweet red fruit flavors, with an underlying backbone of minerals and firm acidity. It is a wine that is praised not only for its exceptional quality but also its great value.

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.

Vineyards	Ashley's, Bien Nacido, Brosseau, Fritschen, Garys', La Cruz, Rosella's, Sanford & Benedict, Sleepy Hollow
Appellations	Chalone, Santa Lucia Highlands, Santa Maria Valley, Santa Rita Hills, Russian River Valley, Sonoma Coast
Years planted	1971 through 2000
Average yield	2.5 tons per acre
Harvest	2004
Average sugar	25.2
Average total acidity	6.7g/l
Average pH	3.45
Dates harvested	8/23-9/18/2004
Bottle:	
Alcohol	14.2%
Total acidity	6.2g/l
pH	3.57
Bottling date	8/22/2005
Time in oak	9 months
Percent new oak	40%
Production	2,296 cases
Release date	February 2006
Suggested retail price	\$34/bottle, \$18/375mL
Opt. time for consumption	2006-2013

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