



# Testarossa Vineyards

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## 2004 Garys' Vineyard Syrah

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*Bill Brosseau, Winemaker*

2003

**90**  
points

A dark Syrah from a vineyard famous for producing wines of volume and heft. It's dry and full, with rich blackberry, coffee, chocolate, plum and oaky-spice flavors.

*Wine Enthusiast - March 2006*

**90**  
points

This extravagantly oaked effort scores big points for richness, balance and very fine fruit. It is broad and fleshy in feel, and its ample tannins are firm but never abrasive.

*Connoisseurs' Guide - March 2006*

**90**  
points

Loud and bright, this wine combines bold, luscious fruit with extreme size. It finishes clean and lively for all its size, a simple pleasure with grilled lamb.

*Wine & Spirits - April 2006*

2001

**93**  
points

Extraordinary scent of crushed blackberries. Generous red and black fruit, mineral edges, lush texture. So delicious. Open a bottle and fall in love.

*Wine & Spirits - June 2004*

**93**  
points

Very ripe with the weight, viscosity and jammy, chocolatey character that such ripeness predicts. The wine is full, fleshy and well-balanced.

*Connoisseurs' Guide - March 2004*

**92**  
points

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

*Wine Spectator - April 2004*

**90**  
points

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*

**90**  
points

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*

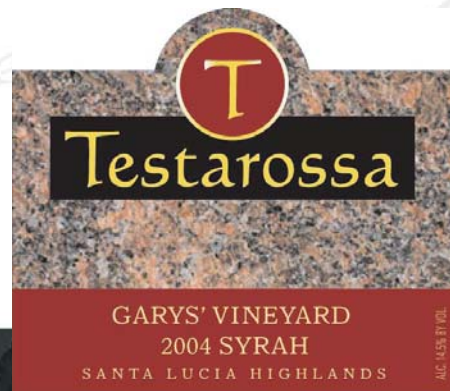
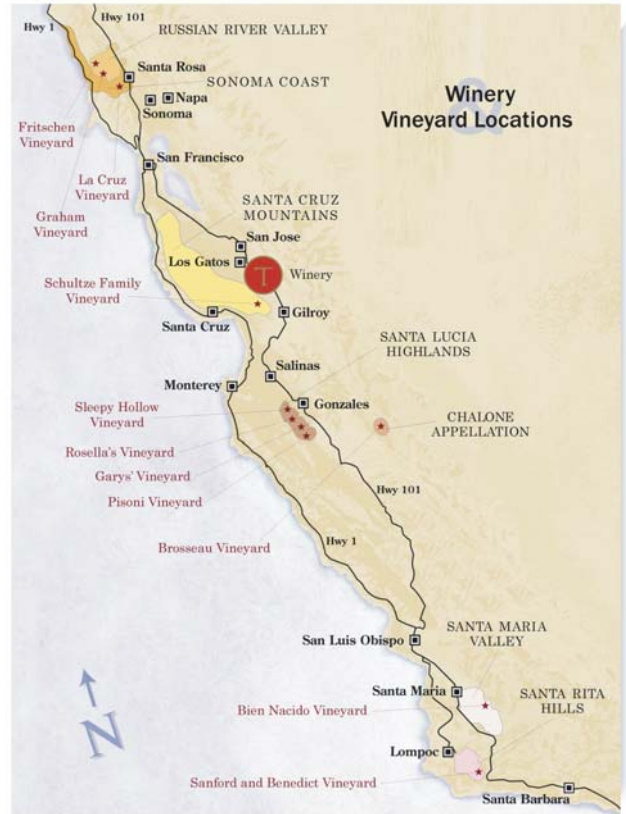
2000

90 points *Wine Enthusiast - February 2003*

1999

91 points *Connoisseurs' Guide - February 2002*

91 points *Los Angeles Times - February 2002*



Passion in Every Glass!

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## Tasting notes from winemaker Bill Brosseau:

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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 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	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	2.3 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	2004
Sugar	26.2
Total acidity	6.9 g/l
pH	3.49
Date harvested	10/5/2004
<b>Bottle:</b>	
Alcohol	14.6%
Total acidity	6.6 g/l
pH	3.56
Bottling date	7/19/2006
Time in oak	20 months
Percent new oak	35%
Production	118 cases
Release date	September 2006
Suggested retail price	\$49/bottle
Opt. time for consumption	2007-2015

## 2004 Winery of the Year



January 2004

"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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