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Dear Club Testarossa Member,
 Your October Club Testarossa Release features:

October 2010

Release No. 55

Vintner's Tasting Program

2008 Rosella's Vineyard Chardonnay
 2008 Rosella's Vineyard Pinot Noir

Pinot Tasting Program

2008 Rosella's Vineyard Pinot Noir
 2008 Pisoni Vineyard Pinot Noir

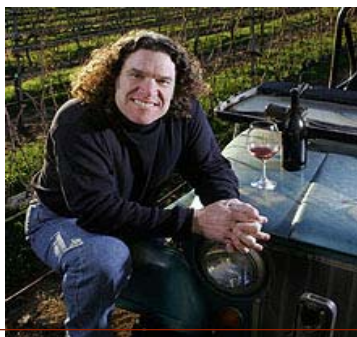
How Garbage Day changed a winery's future... for the better!

By Rob Jensen, Testarossa Winery Proprietor

While searching for new Pinot Noir sources In 1997, we heard about Gary Pisoni, a third generation Monterey County vegetable farmer. He had a new, unknown vineyard in the Santa Lucia Highlands called Pisoni Vineyard. We contacted Gary and he sent us a sample of his wine, which was made in his garage adjacent to one of his family's asparagus fields. The sample, though a bit edgy, was fantastic. It was truly a "diamond in the rough." We were intrigued to meet the Salinas Valley lettuce and asparagus farmer who made such a beautiful Pinot Noir in his garage. We quickly called Gary and set up an appointment to see his vineyard. The next day we arrived at Gary's home in Gonzalez and knocked on the door. No one answered. We knocked a second and third time. Again, there was no answer. We looked in the porch window and there was no sign of anyone being home. We shrugged our shoulders and disappointedly decided to leave.

As we departed down the driveway, we noticed that the garbage cans were out for garbage day. Next to the garbage cans was a recycling bin full of empty wine bottles. An odd shaped bottle on top caught my eye. I quickly realized it was a 1959 Chateau Haut Brion First Growth Bordeaux. I looked to see what other bottles were in Gary's recycling bin and found the bin was full of some of the world's finest wines. Clearly, this was the home of an amazing wine connoisseur.

After discovering Gary's recycling, we decided to wait. Gary emerged from his front door to greet us 45 minutes later. He apologized, explaining that he had over slept! We immediately hit it off with Gary and he took us out to his vineyard in the southern corner of the Santa Lucia Highlands. The vineyard was immaculate and the passion and talent that Gary's family put into their farming was evident. We shook hands immediately agreeing to purchase Pisoni Vineyard fruit, a handshake that has been our only contract for fourteen vintages.



We have no doubt that if it were not garbage day at the Pisoni home that day, we would have driven away, maybe never to come back. If not for garbage day, the 1998 Testarossa Pisoni Vineyard Pinot Noir may never have been made, a wine that received Connoisseurs' Guide's highest ever Pinot Noir review of 98 points. Since that first meeting with Gary Pisoni, we have proudly added the Garys' and Rosella's Vineyards to our portfolio of amazing Single Vineyard wine offerings.

THE REST, AS THE CLICHÉ GOES, IS HISTORY.

CURRENT RELEASE: OCTOBER 2010

2008 Rosella's Vineyard Chardonnay
Medium yellow color. Hints of butterscotch, fig, apple, cloves, and cinnamon release upon aeration. Upon taste, this Chardonnay offers generous butterscotch, crème brulee, vanilla bean, and ripe pear. The rich texture is mouth-coating and generous on the palate. This wine ends silky smooth with lively acidity, lending it to immediate enjoyment on most any occasion. Drink now through 2016.

-Bill Brosseau, Director of Winemaking
Cases Produced: 175
Retail Price - \$44.00 per bottle
Club Testarossa Price - \$35.20 per bottle

2008 Rosella's Vineyard Pinot Noir
Dark red color. Brilliant scents of strawberry, cherry, orange blossom, cloves, and anise frame this inviting Pinot Noir. Notes of cherry, orange, and cloves frame the delicate, yet restrained palate. The fine tannins and crisp acidity lend this Pinot Noir to immediate and extended enjoyment. Drink now through 2018.

-Bill Brosseau, Director of Winemaking
Cases Produced: 240
Retail Price - \$59.00 per bottle
Club Testarossa Price - \$43.20 per bottle

2008 Pisoni Vineyard Pinot Noir

Full bodied richness and fruit flavors of plum and black cherry dominate our Pisoni Vineyard Pinot Noir. The forward fruit is complemented by old world characteristics of earth, loam, and dried leaf. The long velvety finish of these wines shows hints of mocha and chocolate. A firm backbone of acidity ensures that this wine will age gracefully for ten years or more.

-Bill Brosseau, Director of Winemaking
Cases Produced: 126
Retail Price - \$65.00 per bottle
Club Testarossa Price - \$52.00 per bottle

FOOD & WINE WITH CLUB TESTAROSSA

SMOKE SALMON FETTUCCINI

Paired with our 2008 Rosella's Vineyard Chardonnay

Serves 4

Recipe by Megan Thomas

1 lb. fettuccini
1 c. parsley, chopped
2 lemons, zested and juiced
1 ½ T. garlic, minced
½ lb. smoked salmon, flaked
5 oz. crème fraiche
red pepper flakes (optional)

Boil pasta in well salted water until al dente. While pasta is cooking, mix parsley, lemon zest, juice, garlic, crème fraiche and a pinch of red pepper flakes in a large bowl. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Drain pasta and immediately add to the crème fraiche mixture. Combine all ingredients well and gently stir in salmon. *Pour a glass of our 2008 Rosella's Vineyard Chardonnay and enjoy!*

Your December release is coming soon!

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2008 Diana's Chardonnay
2008 Doctor's Vineyard Pinot Noir
Pinot Tasting Program
2008 Doctor's Vineyard Pinot Noir
2008 Niclair Pinot Noir

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November 6 & 7: Wine & Chocolate Weekend
November 13: Harvest Dinner
December 4: Grand Old Winery Tours
December 12: Holiday Celebration

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