

2014 PINOT NOIR BROSSEAU VINEYARD

Chalone Appellation



WINEMAKER NOTES

Rich red hue. While this wine is still very youthful, a vast array of aroma characteristics flow out with notes of Bing cherry, cloves, caramel, sage and anise. With some time, elements of cranberry, pomegranate, rose petal, raspberry and boysenberry round out this complex profile. Upon taste, these characters of spice, floral, red and dark fruits intensify while being framed by notes of wet stone. The wet stone or that of minerality shows a strong sense of place along with vibrant, yet polished tannins. While the acidity is modest in nature, this Pinot Noir delivers substance with graceful intricacies. The undulating, dynamic, and mineral laden finish lends this wine for immediate enjoyment along with a long, bright future ahead. Enjoy now through 2028.

~Bill Brousseau, Winemaker

APPELLATION

The Brousseau estate in the Chalone appellation is arguably the most unique vineyard source in the Testarossa line-up. Standing 1,600 feet above sea level in Monterey County's Gabilan Mountains, you can actually see the Brousseau Vineyard's terroir. The rocky crags and peaks of nearby Pinnacles National Monument loom over the almost moonscape-like panorama. This is the heart of the historic Chalone appellation, where you can literally taste the district's ancient decomposed granite and limestone soils in every drop of wine.

Owned by Testarossa Director of Winemaking, Bill Brousseau's family, the property was originally planted in 1980. Brousseau manages the entire process from the dirt to the bottle and the results are stunning.

2014 Brousseau Vineyard Pinot Noir

Owners:	Jon & Jan Brousseau
Appellation:	Chalone
Soil:	Heavy limestone soils with lesser influence of decomposed granite
Elevation:	1600-1700 ft.
Exposure:	South, West & East
Vineyard:	3 of 12 acres, yield 2 tons, Dijon 113. 114. 115. 538, Pommard 4
Planted:	1980
First TRW Vintage:	2002
Alcohol:	14.5%
Acidity:	0.48g/L / 3.56 pH
Cooperage:	100% French Oak 61% New Oak
Aging:	11.5 Months
Harvested:	August 19, 2014
Produced:	12 barrels

ACCOLADES

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92 Points *Wine Enthusiast*

90 Points *Robert Parkers's Wine Advocate*

92 Points *International Wine Review*

WINERY

Testarossa (Italian for "red head") was the nickname given Rob Jensen as a young university student in Italy. Rob and Diana Jensen started Testarossa in their garage in 1993 with just twenty-five cases of wine. Today, the label has grown to national prominence among collectors by cultivating long-term partnerships with passionate winegrowers and vineyards.



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