

2007 Central Coast Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The ripe fruit from this vintage offers an amazing perfumed nose of pie cherries, truffles, spice, cardamom and fresh strawberry preserves. Your palate expands with flavors of concentrated cherries, pomegranates, sassafras, fennel and morel mushrooms. Rich and slightly aggressive tannins help to carry the balanced acidity that follows long into the finish. Probably the best Central Coast I've assembled in 11 vintages.

—Winemaker Bob Cabral

THE VINEYARDS

100% Estate Vista Verde Vineyard, located a couple miles south-east of Hollister, California, near the small town of Tres Pinos in San Benito County. This heavy limestone vineyard is separated into nine blocks that include clones such as Pommard, Calera, Canada, 115, 777, 828 and 943.

HARVEST 2007

The 2007 vintage has produced wines of extremely high quality, wines that are each brilliant expressions of their sites. The growing season was distinguished by its evenness with a cool finish. The summer months were characterized by warm, sunny, near-perfect weather with very few heat spikes during the fruit ripening stage of the vine growth cycle. This resulted in very uniform ripening and optimal development of intense varietal flavors, aromas and expression. The wines of 2007 convey their unique characters in a manner more vivid, precise and evocative than we have come to anticipate. In a decade of exceptional vintages, this one really stands above all others.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 33% new, 33% 1 year old, 33% 2 year old

Barrel Aged: 11 months

pH: 3.59

TA: 0.59g/100ml

Alc: 14.2%

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