

2007 Vista Verde Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Ripened aromas of wild cherries, rose petals, violets, mocha, minerals and exotic spice come through the nose of this wine. It shows richer and broader tannins than the 2006 version, with better overall concentration and depth of fruit. Sweet red fruits, notes of earth and a long, lingering finish complete this wine. Needs time to mature in the bottle.

—Winemaker Bob Cabral

THE VINEYARD

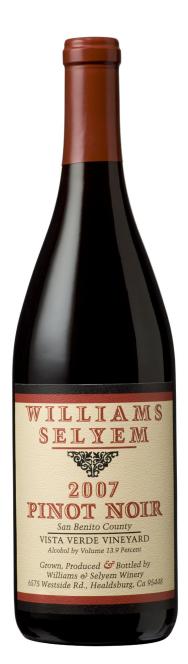
Vista Verde Vineyard is located a couple miles southeast of Hollister, California, near the small town of Tres Pinos in San Benito County. This heavy limestone vineyard is separated into blocks that include clones such as Calera, Canada, and Pommard.

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: 69% new oak, 31% 1-year-old Barrel Aged: 16 months pH: 3.56 TA: 0.58g/100mL Alc: 13.9% Released Fall 2009 \$54



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