

2005 Vista Verde Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Another excellent vintage from our vineyards in the Central Coast. The ripe aromas of cherry, raspberry, green tea, mocha and spice dominate the nose. This wine shows richer and broader tannins than the 2004 version, with a better overall concentration and depth of fruit. A long sweet cherry and silky oak 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 2005

Following a labor-intensive growing season due to early spring rains, a cool summer and mild fall weather extended the ripening season in 2005. This long, slow maturation period permitted flavors and color to develop to high levels, and the absence of weather threats or temperature extremes allowed fruit to be picked at optimum ripeness. Vineyards unaffected by bloom failure enjoyed a bountiful crop. The fruit quality was extremely high, contributing to balanced and elegant wines with concentrated flavors and intense color.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 65% new, 35% 1 year old

Barrel Aged: 15 months

pH: 3.62

TA: 0.53g/100ml

Alc: 13.9%

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