



**2007 California
Pinot Noir
Revisited**

2007 Nalle Hopkins Ranch Pinot Noir:

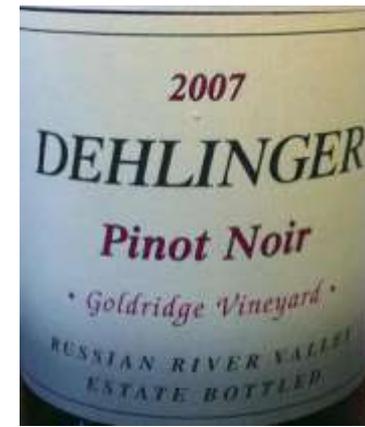
Doug Nalle and son Andrew made this Pinot Noir in their small family winery. Its subtle elegance enchants the most discerning palates, while its complexity and refined structure beckons those who seek big flavors. This terroir-driven wine echos the loamy, silty soil of the Hopkins River Ranch. Aromas of macerated strawberry, dried herbs, smokey vanilla bean, and fresh forest underbrush can be sniffed out. Tart red cherry, rhubarb, leather, and a hint of orange zest oil in the mouth. Pairs perfectly with your favorite big glass. 100% Swan clone Pinot Noir in this one.



2007 Dehlinger Goldridge Vineyard Pinot Noir:

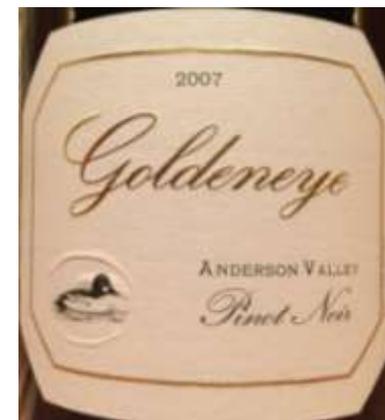
Founded in 1973 by Tom Dehlinger, a UC Davis graduate, Dehlinger Winery has a reputation for quality not quantity. Production here has topped out at about 7,000 cases per vintage, a figure that has risen steadily since the initial 14 acres were planted in 1975.

Goldridge Vineyard is named for the golden gray soil that is composed of fine sandy loam. The 2007 Pinot Noir Goldridge Vineyard displays copious notes of red currants, raspberries, and earth in its medium to full-bodied personality. It also offers deliciously pure fruit, hints of cinnamon and allspice, lots of flesh and richness, velvety tannins, and good acidity. It should drink well for a decade.



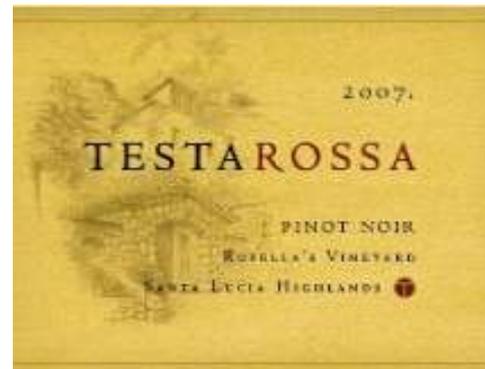
2007 Goldeneye (Duckhorn) Pinot Noir:

Winemaker Zach Rasmuson blended 10 Anderson Valley vineyards into this Pinot Noir. 100% French oak, 80% new, medium toast. Aromas of star anise, morel mushrooms and toasty oak segue to enticing ripe berry and bittersweet chocolate notes, underscored by hints of black licorice and truffle. A marriage of strength and harmony, this Pinot Noir should age very well. In 2007, a dry winter led to even growth and manageable canopies. The summer was cool, and lacked any major heat spells until just before Labor Day when we began the first of four "mini-harvests." These mini-harvests allowed us to pick at ideal ripeness over a seven-week period. Although the crop was lighter than expected, the quality was excellent. This medium-weight Pinot Noir reflects the depth and diversity of great Anderson Valley winegrowing, combining excellent structure and acidity, with layered fruit and firm tannins.



2007 Testarossa Rosella's Vineyard Pinot Noir:

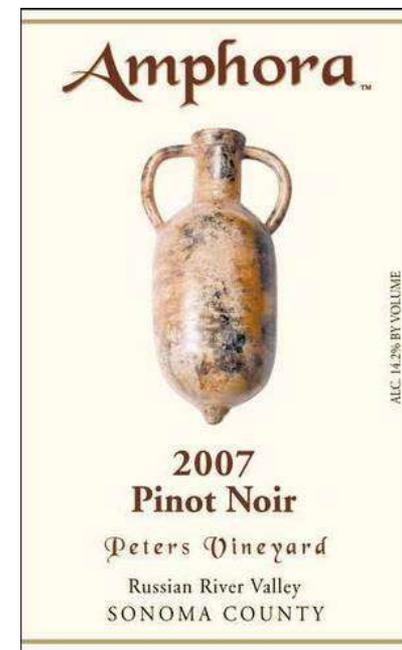
Rob & Dianne Jenson own this winery at the Novitiate in Los Gatos. Winemaker, Bill Brosseau has been with Testarossa since the year 2000. This Pinot Noir has a big, expressive nose of sweet cherries, raspberry, and blacker fruits along with some spice and flowers that jump from the glass of this dark ruby/purple-hued Pinot Noir. The wine is full-bodied, with silky tannins, a rich, spicy mouthfeel, and a long finish. It is another impressive example from this terrific cool-climate region for Pinot Noir. Firmed up with crisp acidity and some fairly thick tannins, it nonetheless has a silky, appealing texture, and is vast in red currant, rhubarb, cola, beefsteak heirloom tomato, cedar and spice.



Rosella's Vineyard is one of the most renowned estates in the Santa Lucia Highlands. It is owned by Gary and Rosella Francioni. Originally planted in 1999, Rosella's has forty acres of "Pisoni clone" Pinot Noir. The property's close proximity to Monterey Bay makes for a very cool climate, with one of California's longest growing seasons. The resulting slow, gentle ripening allows for full flavor development on the vine. Two acres of Pinot Noir at Rosella's are allocated annually to Testarossa.

2007 Amphora Peters Vineyard Pinot Noir:

Winemaker Rick Hutchinson made his first Pinot Noir in 2007 from fruit out of Randy Peters Vineyard. This wine was created using 100% Pommard clones from this classic vineyard in the heart of the Goldridge award-winning district of Russian River Valley. You are at once aware of the dark garnet color and the aromas of cherry, pomegranate and watermelon. The mouthfeel perfectly depicts the intense fruit grown in this small ultra-premium growing region. Rich, ripe flavors of tart cherry, red currant and raspberry will awaken your senses. Pair this with a flash-grilled duck breast and a cranberry compote. A fragrant, delicate style, this is medium-to full-bodied, intense and vibrant, showing pure, clean black cherry, raspberry and wild berry fruit, with hints of wilted rose. ends with wonderful texture, persistence and finesse. 149 cases made. Drink now through 2017.



2007 Siduri Pisoni Vineyard Pinot Noir:

Adam and Dianna Lee travel the states of California and Oregon sourcing grapes for their appellation-designated and vineyard-designated Pinot Noirs (20 different bottlings in 2011). Personally, I think managing the vast number is a difficult task and the wines show some inconsistency as a result, but most wines are very good. Part of this is attributable to the fact that with so many vineyard sources, not every vineyard performs beautifully in every vintage. You won't find a more passionate winemaker than Lee and you have to respect his talents and time management. This wine shows the impeccably ripe fruitiness and purity that characterize Siduri Pinot Noirs, with the powerful structure of this celebrated vineyard. Dry and fairly tannic, the wine's flavors are of cherry pie filling, red currants, anise liqueur, chocolate and pepper spice. Offers broad flavors, mixing ripe plum, black cherry and blackberry fruit that's pure, rich and complex, turning elegant and supple. Full-bodied, this is long and persistent on the finish.



Adam Lee says about this wine, “There’s very little else that needs to be said about the Pisoni Vineyard. It is, without doubt one of the most famous vineyards in North America and the source of what is consistently one of our finest wines, vintage after vintage. However, that doesn’t mean that we aren’t continuing to experiment in hopes of improving upon our previous efforts. With the 2007 vintage we were especially proactive in this regard. We divided one of our sections at the Pisoni Vineyard in half and reduced the number of shoots by 25% in one of those halves. We traded just over a ton of fruit from the Tina’s section of the Pisoni Vineyard with Jeff Pisoni for a ton of his clone 777 section. And we increased the use of whole clusters in the wine as the stems were lignified sufficiently to allow for this. The goal throughout it all was to make a thoroughly complex and concentrated Pinot Noir reflective of the best that Pisoni Vineyard has to offer. Of course, the 2007 vintage was instrumental in our efforts. A moderate vintage with a late August heat spike but then a cooler September, the growing season allowed us to pick each section of the vineyard when it was actually ripe. Accordingly, we picked the Pisoni Vineyard over a month’s time, starting harvest on September 5 with our last pick being on October 4. The 2007 Siduri Pisoni Vineyard Pinot Noir reminds us a bit of our 2000 effort from this vineyard, with its aromas of black fruits and forest floor. There’s a lush mouth-feel with loads of fruit, a purity of flavors, a velvet texture, and yet also good underlying structure. This is a superb wine that should age, much like the 2000, for 8 or more years.” 437 cases produced.