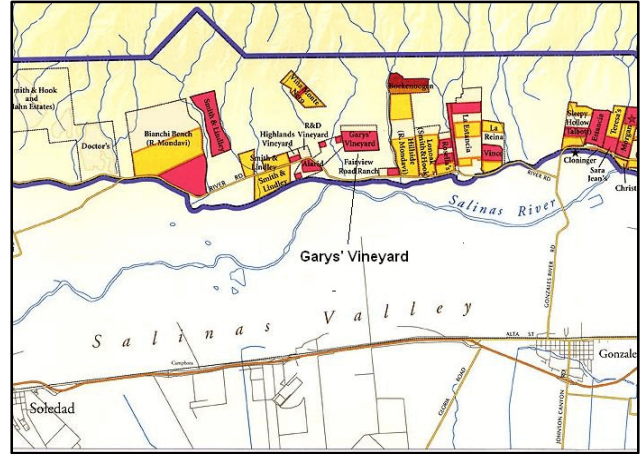


## 2007 Garys' Vineyard Pinot Noir

### The Vineyard:

Garys' Vineyard is located in the Santa Lucia Highlands AVA. The Santa Lucia Highlands is a raised bench of land that overlooks the Salinas Valley, due west of the town of Gonzales. It is an interesting viticultural area because of the strong winds that consistently blow in off the Monterey bay every afternoon, which cool the vineyards and prolong the grapes hang-time. A collaboration between Gary Pisoni and Gary Franscioni, this 42 acre vineyard is planted to the Pisoni clone of Pinot Noir, a selection from the Côte de Nuits district of Burgundy.



### The Vintage:

The long cool growing season allowed the wine to develop full ripe fruit flavors while retaining excellent natural acidity. Cool conditions throughout the harvest season allowed us to pick the fruit at the moment of optimal maturity.

### Winemaking:

The grapes were 100% de-stemmed and lightly crushed into small open-topped fermenters. The must was chilled to 55 degrees Fahrenheit and cold soaked for four to six days.. According to traditional methods, punch downs are performed daily by hand. After fermentation the wine was pressed off directly into French oak barrels where it underwent malo-lactic fermentation and was aged for 11 months on the lees.

### The Wine:

This wine has medium ruby color; aromas of black cherry, blackberry, ripe plum, spice, toast and smoke. Velvety texture and a rich mouthfeel is backed up by moderate tannins and good acid balance. It will continue to improve with three to five years in the cellar. Only 300 cases were made.

### Technical Data:

<b>Production</b>	300 cases	<b>Release Date</b>	September 1, 2009
<b>Alcohol</b>	14.5 % by vol.	<b>Aging</b>	11 months in French oak barrels (40% new)
<b>Bottle Size</b>	750 ml	<b>Suggested Retail</b>	\$42.00

### Suggested Food Pairings:

This wine pairs well with grilled meats, coq au vin, ripe cheeses and certain seafood items.

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