



**2005 Pinot Noir, Santa Cruz Mountains  
Miller Hill Vineyard**

**The Wine:** 100% Pinot Noir    Alcohol: 13.4%

**The Vineyard:**

This vineyard, farmed organically by Silver Mountain, is located about ½ mile from the winery in the Santa Cruz Mountains, at about 1750 feet elevation. On the coastal side of the mountain range overlooking Monterey Bay, the vineyard enjoys the cooling and moderating influence of a marine climate, with the rugged soils characteristic of the mountains. Warm summer days are balanced by cool nights to maximize fruit flavor.

Soil: Thin topsoil of sandy loam; underlying sandy soil and sandstone.

Planted in 1997

Trellising: Head-trained, canes supported by vertical trellis.

Farmed organically.

**Winemaker's Notes:**

Harvest date: 18 September, 2005

Must analysis: Brix 25.0; PH 3.39; Acid .79

Not crushed, but destemmed; gravity fed through the entire process.

Fermentation: Whole berry; fermented in small containers; punchdown and drainover 5 times/day.

Barrels: 16 months; 70% in tight-grained Hungarian oak, 30% older French.

Bottling: Unfined and unfiltered.

**Tasting Notes:**

This wine is beautifully composed, balanced and sleek. The wine was aged 16 months in tight-grained Hungarian oak, a barrel choice that complements the delicate Pinot Noir fruit, lends a light toasty, smoky character, and produces a smooth, silky mouthfeel.

Nose: Plush with red fruits and a brambly character.

Palate: Light and elegant with complex red fruits and spice.

**Awards:**

*Gold Medal, 2008 Pacific Rim Int'l. Wine Competition*

*Silver Medal, 2008 Dallas Morning News Wine Competition*

**About Silver Mountain Vineyards:**

Visitors to Silver Mountain's mountaintop winery enjoy one of the most spectacular views in the Santa Cruz Mountains, looking out to Monterey Bay. Visitors can also enjoy the winery's Gold Medal-winning wines at its tasting room on Cannery Row in Monterey. Silver Mountain is known for its premium Pinot Noir, Chardonnay produced from its organically-farmed estate vineyard, and its Bordeaux blend Alloy. Handcrafted with a passion for quality, Silver Mountain's wines possess exquisite, complex flavors that are delicious now and also benefit from aging.

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