



SILVER MOUNTAIN
VINEYARDS

2007 Pinot Noir, Santa Cruz Mountains Muns Vineyard

The Wine: 100% Pinot Noir Alcohol: 13.8%

Tasting Notes: This is a big Pinot that takes a few moments to open up, and when it does it is exquisite. Patience is rewarded with succulent, ripe, juicy black cherries and a wonderful classic burgundian minerality that is rare in a California Pinot Noir. Good quality tannin and natural acidity make this wine a natural companion for food and a definite contender for further aging.

The wine was aged 17 months in 33% new 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. The palate is balanced and well structured, with rich, gorgeous colour and smooth tannins. Delivers the complexity of four Dijon clones: 114, 115, 667, 777.

Nose: Subtle hints of vanilla, early grey tea and oak aromatics

Palate: Brilliant cherry on the front palate, backed by rich black cherry, plum and blackberry; currant, chocolate, coffee, nutmeg and cinnamon notes. Medium-bodied, with a long finish.

Winemaker's Notes:

Harvest date: 4-7 September, 2007

Must analysis: Brix 26.8; PH 3.5; Acid .81

Not crushed, but destemmed; gravity fed

Fermentation: Whole berry; fermented in chilled stainless steel open top fermenters; punchdown/ drainover using gentle PulseAir process three times daily.

Barrel Aging: 17 months in 33% new Hungarian oak

Bottling: Unfined and unfiltered.

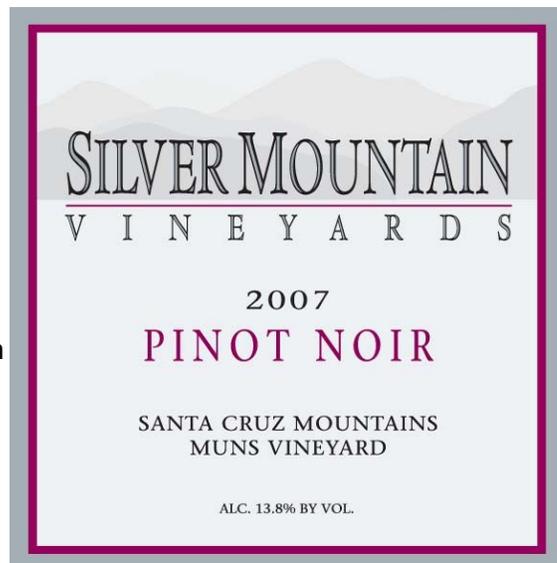
This luscious wine has been handcrafted with gentle care, in accordance with Silver Mountain's winemaking practice, which has always called for careful, gentle handling of the fruit, both in the vineyard and winery. The grapes are handpicked, not crushed but destemmed, and we start the winemaking process with whole berry fermentation. 'Punchdowns' are now done using a unique air induced process that is gentler on the fruit. Transferring the wine to and from the tanks and into bottles is all gravity fed.

The Vineyard:

At 2600' elevation on the Loma Prieta ridgetop overlooking Monterey Bay, Muns Vineyard is at the highest vineyard elevation in the Santa Cruz Mountains. It sits above the fog line and is cooled by the gentle maritime breeze that sweeps in almost constantly off of Monterey Bay in the summertime – ideal for growing premium Pinot Noir. In the winter it is not uncommon for the vineyard to be blanketed in snow. The soil varies from rich loam to shale to red clay.

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. 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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