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WINE ENTHUSIAST

2007

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POINTS

2005
LAND'S EDGE VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
PINOT NOIR

Most of the grapes came from the Annapolis Vineyard, with some from Seascape. While the vintage was cool, it gave incredibly long hangtime. Dry, crisp and delicate, the wine has a silky voluptuousness that makes it irresistible, with pie-filling cherry and clack raspberry flavors finished with Asian spice. New French oak adds toast and vanilla sweetness. It's expensive, but still a bargain. **Editors' Choice** - May 2007 (Ranked 7th in TOP 100 wines tasted in 2007 by the Wine Enthusiast - December 2007)

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POINTS

2005
ARRENDELL VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

This is a very serious Pinot Noir, one that will benefit from cellaring despite the drink-me-now deliciousness. It's not just the fruit, which is deeply satisfying in cherries, raspberries, sweet rhubarb pie, blood oranges and juicy pomegranates. It's the structure. Crisp acids and silky tannins create a near-perfect architecture. Elegant and sophisticated, this wine should develop additional complexities for at least six years, with proper cellaring. - November 2007

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POINTS

2005
HAILEY'S BLOCK
GREEN VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

Showing the beautiful silkiness and delicacy that great Pinot should have, this one also combines immense power. The end result is an important wine of ageworthy proportions. Drinking it now rewards for the wealth of cherry, raspberry, cola, cinnamon spice and oak flavors that are so delicious. But the wine has a fine balance that will allow it to age gracefully for at least six years. - November 2007

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POINTS

2005
FAR COAST VINEYARD
SONOMA COUNTY
PINOT NOIR

This is from the winery's Annapolis vineyard. It's a very fine and interesting Pinot, showing the acidic, elegant structure of true coast Pinot, and exotic flavors of wild raspberries, red cherries, licorice, sweet leather, tea and Asian spices. All this, in a lightly silky, eminently drinkable texture. - November 2007

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POINTS

2005
JENNIFER'S
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

From the southern part of the valley, near Sebastopol, comes this young, juicy, crisp Pinot. It's marked by fruit. The freshly crushed flavors of ripe raspberries and cherries are enormously attractive, accented with toasty oak and Asian spices. But the wine has a youthful, acidic tightness that suggests aging. Best now, with decanting, and for six years. - November 2007

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POINTS

2005
STONE CÔTE VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
CHARDONNAY

Bone dry, high acidity, minerally and stony like granite, with the essence of Meyer lemon and green pears, and leesy. Champagne-like doughiness. There's toasty oak in the background. Elegant and complex now, and should ride out the next decade. **Cellar Selection** - November 2007

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POINTS

2005
SEASCAPE VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
CHARDONNAY

Seascape is perhaps the winery's coldest vineyard, right in the path of the wine blast coming in off Bodega Bay. You can taste the Pacific chill in the high acidity that makes the fruit so pure and intense. The flavors, of Meyer lemons, lime zest and stony minerals are bracing, and the finish is absolutely, thoroughly dry. This is a sommelier's dream of a Chardonnay. - November 2007

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POINTS

2005
FOUR HEARTS VINEYARDS
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

A very elegant, balanced wine, with complexity and charm;...it shows oak-influenced flavors of Meyer lemons, pineapple sorbet and rich Gravenstein apple butter. - April 2007