

	Retail	Savings
\$39.99	\$56.00	29%

2016 Tessier Winery Saveria Vineyard product-timed-pdf - Pinot Noir | Santa Cruz - 92pts Wine Enthusiast

Why We're Drinking It

Tightly wound aromas of red currant, rose petals and carnations show on the nose of this single-vineyard expression. The palate is full of hibiscus and other red-flower flavors, with a touch of cinnamon spice and cedar, all wrapped in a soft mouthfeel. - **92pts. Wine Enthusiast**

Prudy Foxx farms this vineyard in Corralitos, the vines planted in 2001 at an elevation of 600 feet. Kristie Tacey, who came to wine from a career in biotech, makes this wine without added yeasts, keeping 20 percent of the fruit in whole clusters. Reduction tightens around its red-cherry flavors, needing a day of air to clarify the wine's freshness and integrate the stem spice into a cool, generous mouthful of ripe fruit.

Tasting Notes

Aromas of dried strawberry and cherry reveal themselves, assisted by rose petals, sandalwood, and roasting coffee beans. On the palate, pomegranate disappears into rhubarb, earthiness, and café au lait. Bright acidity is in the cards for this Pinot Noir, which will work its magic on you for years.

VARIETAL
Pinot Noir
ALCOHOL
14.50
SIZE
750ml
BLEND
Pinot Noir

The Story to Know

Kristie Tacey, winemaker and founder of Tessier Winery, is a scientist turned winemaker. A former published research scientist who studied protein pathways, she moved to the San Francisco Bay Area from her native Michigan to pursue a career in biotechnology, which included working on the Human Genome Project. Kristie's appreciation of French wines — especially those from Burgundy and the Loire and Rhone valleys — has shaped her winemaking choices. She sources high-quality fruit from a strong network of farmers in the Russian River Valley, Santa Cruz Mountains and El Dorado foothills. She then uses minimal-interventionist winemaking techniques to showcase the unique characteristics of the grapes and the vineyards. For Kristie, sustainability is a priority — not only with the vineyards' farming practices, but also by having long-term relationships with her growers and customers. With an annual production of 750 cases, Kristie is able to give unparalleled attention to each wine.

Ratings

95 Insider Points

Reviews

Really nice Pinot from Tessier. Great red and black berry fruit, but not overpowering the earthy, mushroom long finish. Light-medium body, comparably to the 3 figure wines from the area. - 95 Insider Points