



PARAISO

VINEYARDS

Place

Santa Lucia Highlands — the ideal, new world site for top-flight Pinot Noir. Paraiso boasts the district's original plantings of Pinot Noir. Here, the mountainside soils, cool breezes from nearby Monterey Bay, and sustainable farming practices combine to grow pinot noir of outstanding character and elegance.

to San Francisco



to Los Angeles

Statistics

Appellation: Santa Lucia Highlands
Owners/Growers: Smith Family
Site: Block 7
Clones: Dijon 667, 777
Planted: 2000
Elevation: 350' to 400'
Soils: Chualar Loam
Climate: Region I, Very Cool
Oak Aging: 11 months, Seguin-Moreau and Demptos
Production: 600 Cases
Winemaker: David Fleming

THE 2007 WEST TERRACE PINOT NOIR was made from Dijon 667 and 777 clones from our home estate vineyard. By combining these two clones, a wine of delicacy and structure was achieved. A complex but balanced wine, it truly expresses Pinot Noir varietal character from the Santa Lucia Highlands.

The fruit was cold soaked for 72 hours before inoculation, in small five-ton open top fermenters. The must was punched down twice daily prior to pressing. After fermentation, the wine was aged for just less than a year in almost 50% new French oak barrels. We then allowed it to rest in the bottle for a full year before release.

Enjoy with what you would traditionally eat with red wine, but feel free to venture into new culinary territory - this is an extremely food-friendly wine.

Cheers!
David Fleming, Winemaker

