

2004 Pinot Noir Brosseau Vineyard

Appellation:	Chalone – Monterey County
Vineyard Site:	Sloping hillside with north- westerly exposures. Elevation 1620 ft. Brosseau Vineyard is on the western flank of the Gabilan Range which forms the east side of the Salinas Valley. The site is at the base of the West Pinnacles National Monument, a volcanic formation, 25 miles from the coast. Coordinates: 36,27,26 N 121,13, 52 W
Soil:	Virgin sandy loam , clay over limestone / decomposed granite
Clone/Rootstock:	David Bruce (Mount Eden) on 101-14
Vineyard blocks:	Three acres planted in 1999
Vineyard mgmt.	N/S rows, 9x5 spacing, 986 vines per acre Vertical shoot positioning, spur pruned, unilateral cordon
Harvest:	August 18; yield 2.35TPA
Juice statistics:	25 brix, pH3.3, TA .75
Vinification:	Hand sorted 60% destemmed Open top fermenters 1-3 ton size with two daily punch downs. Yeast : RC-212 Malo: Indigenous 18 months in 40% new French oak- Francois, Remond, Rousseau. Bottled 2/4/06 unfined and unfiltered.
Wine profile:	100% Pinot Noir, alcohol 14.5%
Case production:	141
Characteristics:	Our first Pinot from this fabled appellation put on the world map by the efforts of Chalone. The site is dramatic, located on a high rolling plateau, at the foot of a granite volcanic remnant, the West Pinnacles. This bench is an uplift of ancient marine soil and sediment, one of the few true limestone based soils in California. The vineyard produces wines of great character; ripe fruit with a framework of tannin and minerality.