

2004 Dierberg Vineyard Pinot Noir

Appellation:	Santa Maria Valley – Santa Barbara County
Vineyard Site:	162 acres (126ac Pinot Noir) of undulating hills with east-west ridge lines giving southerly and northerly exposures. The site, elevation 500ft., is on the southern flank of the Santa Maria Valley in the Solomon Hills, 18 miles from the coast. Coordinates: 34,52,31 N 120, 19, 35 W
Soil:	Virgin Garey Series sandy loam with intermittent sandy, gravel loam
Clone/Rootstock:	777/101-14, 13/Schwartzman, 115/Schwartzman, 2A/5C Planted in 1997
Vineyard blocks:	3-C, 3-J, 5-D,
Vineyard mgmt.	North-South rows, 8x2.5 spacing, 2178 vines per acre Vertical shoot positioning, spur pruned, unilateral cordon
Harvest:	September 10,17; average yields 1.5TPA
Juice statistics:	26.0 brix, pH3.4, TA .72
Vinification:	Hand sorted 100% destemmed Open top fermenters 1-3 ton size with two daily punch downs. Yeast : indigenous and RC 212 Malo: Indigenous 17 months in 40% new French oak-Francois, Remond, Rousseau. Bottled 2/4/06 unfiltered and unfiltered.
Wine profile:	100% Pinot Noir, alcohol 14.7%
Case production:	95
Characteristics:	This wine tends to the masculine side of things; items such as raw meat and words such as dense and chewy often come to mind. More often though, these components are complemented by beautiful black and blue fruit characteristics and rich aromas. Though a strong personality, the wine needs time to fully reveal itself. Pair with rare roast beef au jus.