

## 2005 Pinot Noir La Colline Vineyard



*The Hill (La Colline) at Laetitia Vineyard, F Block*

<i>Appellation:</i>	Arroyo Grande Valley – San Luis Obispo County
<i>Vineyard Site:</i>	The Hill (La Colline) at Laetitia Vineyard four miles from the Pacific Ocean at 300-500 feet in elevation. The vineyard is primarily northeast facing and is located at the base of Picacho Peak, an extinct volcano. Coordinates: 35, 05, 28 N 120, 31, 18 W
<i>Soil:</i>	Exposed volcanic rock with a base of limestone and clay and some whalebone
<i>Clone/Rootstock:</i>	Own rooted Martini clone planted in 1981. In great years cluster and berry size are extremely small, producing exceptionally concentrated flavors.
<i>Vineyard blocks:</i>	Westerly section of Block F
<i>Vineyard mgmt.</i>	N/S rows, 11x5 spacing, 792 vines per acre Vertical shoot positioning, spur pruned, unilateral cordon
<i>Harvest:</i>	September 6 - 28 yields 2.1TPA
<i>Juice statistics:</i>	25.5 avg. brix, pH 3.4, TA .75
<i>Vinification:</i>	Hand sorted - 75% destemmed Yeast : RC-212 25% whole cluster fermented with native yeast. Open top fermenters 1-3 ton size with two daily punch downs. Malo: Indigenous Aged 16 months in 40% new French oak- Francois, Remond, Rousseau. Racked once June 2006 Bottled 1/24/07 unfinned and unfiltered.
<i>Wine profile:</i>	100% Pinot Noir, alcohol 14.6% pH 3.7
<i>Case production:</i>	295
<i>Characteristics:</i>	This wine speaks very clearly of its site. There is a purity of fruit, a lift in the perfume, delicacy yet power. The delineation of flavor as it moves across the palate, reminds us of why we were captivated by Pinot Noir in the first place. A noble pairing would be with pheasant and wild rice.

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