



Burghound.com's 72 California Pinot Noir Selections (we have 3 of 72!)

2006	Pinot Noir – Red Dog Vineyard	Talisman Cellars	91
2006	Pinot Noir – Wildcat Mountain Vineyard	Talisman Cellars	91
2005	Pinot Noir – Hawk Hill Vineyard	Talisman Cellars	91

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Marta and Scott Rich are making some lovely wines in very small quantities and those that have followed the evolution of Carneros and Sonoma pinot will recognize Scott Rich as the former winemaker behind Etude. Scott clearly states that one of his objectives is ageability. For further information, contact: (707) 258-5722 or visit www.talismanwine.com.

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2006	Pinot Noir – Thorn Ridge Vineyard	red	90
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2006	Pinot Noir – Adastral Vineyard	red	90
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2005	Pinot Noir – Red Dog Vineyard	red	90

2006 Pinot Noir – Red Dog Vineyard: (Sonoma Mountain, 14.4%, \$46, 502 cases). An elegant, pure and ripe nose features a really lovely blend of red and blue fruit with violet, anise and clove notes that complement the rich, round and generous middle weight flavors that possess good character and reasonable, if not special, detail and finishing precision on the lingering finish. I like this for its balance and if the depth of the finish can eventually match that of the nose, this could merit an even higher ranking. 91/2012+

2006 Pinot Noir – Thorn Ridge Vineyard: (Sonoma Coast, 14.1%, \$50, 503 cases). An elegant and admirably pure nose of cool red pinot fruit aromas complements the round, supple and silky medium-bodied flavors that possess excellent depth and fine length. The style is notably understated, indeed it's Zen-like. In a word, lovely. 90/2011+



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2006 Pinot Noir – Wildcat Mountain Vineyard: (Los Carneros, 14.1%, \$45, 120 cases). A refined, expressive and pure nose of red pinot fruit nuanced with spice and rose petal hints precedes delicious, fresh and energetic middle weight flavors that possess good detail and focus that continues right through to the tangy and bright finish. This has really lovely balance and a Zen-like sense of harmony. Definitely worth a look. 91/2013+

2006 Pinot Noir – Hawk Hill: (Russian River Valley, 14.1%, \$46, 141 cases). A very pretty and attractively layered nose offers up both upper and lower register red berry fruit aromas trimmed in discreet notes of spice and earth that are also reflected by the delicious, round and supple middle weight flavors that are on the fruit-driven side but I like the balance and underlying sense of harmony. If this can develop more depth with a few years in bottle, my rating will seem unduly conservative. 89/2012+

2006 Pinot Noir – Adastra Vineyard: (Carneros, 14.4%, \$50, 321 cases). A relatively high-toned, pure, fresh and cool nose displays mostly red berry fruit aromas with hints of plum, cranberry and pomegranate adding breadth before sliding gracefully into delicious, supple and attractively textured medium-bodied flavors that dance across the palate and culminate in a vibrant finish that displays a touch of youthful asperity as well as mild warmth. This will need a few years to round out as it still hasn't quite found its center yet. 90/2013+

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