



Appellation: Paso Robles

Cases Produced: 223 Cases

A delicate Pinot Noir grown in the hot, California chaparral environment of Paso Robles may seem like an oxymoron. This Pinot, however, makes this rugged area work in its favor. The Hastings Ranch Pinot is a slightly different style of Pinot Noir. Neither light nor delicate, this Pinot is medium-bodied and bold, in both aroma and flavors.

A hot climate will typically produce a fruity wine that can often be a bit one-dimensional. This wine is quite the opposite: very earthy with a fruit-forward aroma, the Hastings Ranch Pinot evokes rich flavors of apricot and plum on the palate, balanced by a finessed acidity and a lingering finish. The Hastings Pinot boasts an aged style far beyond its years, due, in large part, to 18 months barrel aging.

This Pinot is a food-lover's dream. The earthiness calls for morel mushrooms, or perhaps a truffle risotto; the acidity begs to offset the richness of duck confit; and the ripe fruit on the palate is a perfect compliment to anything on the grill. On a hot summer night, think about serving this Pinot Noir lightly chilled—have some fun with this wine.