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SMART BUY!

"Delicious and silky..."

A. P. Vin

***Pinot Noir Santa Lucia Highlands Garys' Vineyard
2004***

Medium-deep ruby color; deep aromas of black cherry, spice, smoky meat; rich and ripe, fruit forward flavors of black cherry, spices, lavender and smoked meat; silky texture, good structure and excellent balance; long finish. This is a delicious, silky Pinot with so much to like. It's really a delight to just drink it. All four of the A. P. Vin releases for the 2004 vintage come in screwcap-closed bottles; a gutsy move and perfect for these wines which are not really intended for long cellaring.

250 cases made \$45 Score: 94

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***Pinot Noir Santa Lucia Highlands Rosella's
Vineyard 2004***

Medium-deep ruby color; deep black cherry and plum aromas, hint of lavender and sweet oak; deep and rich, with intense black cherry and plum flavors, hints of lavender and smoky meat; great structure and balance, long finish. WOW! Rich and vibrant, with lots of complexity and silky texture, it's delicious right now.

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**Pinot Noir Santa Maria Valley Rancho Ontiveros
Vineyard 2004**

Medium-deep ruby color; deep and complex aromas of herbs, earth and cherry; deep, rich, great forward cherry fruit, herb and sweet oak notes, good structure and balance; long finish. A bigger and earthier style that really says Santa Maria Valley.

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MAKE ROOM IN THE CELLAR!

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**Pinot Noir Santa Rita Hills Clos Pepe Vineyard
2004**

Deep ruby-purple color; complex, deep aromas of cassis, black cherry, pepper and herbs; big, deep, lots of cassis and black cherry, some tannin, sweet oak with earthy, herbal notes; good structure and balance, long finish. Complex and deep, this is definitely Clos Pepe -- Andrew has given it a slightly softer touch that's really silky in the mouth.

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