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### SMART BUY!

*"Lush and rich..."*

#### **A. P. Vin**

#### ***Pinot Noir Green Valley Keefer Ranch 2005***

Medium ruby purple color; subtle cherry aromas with some earthy and spice notes; rich, ripe, deep black cherry flavors, spice and sweet oak notes; silky texture; good structure and balance; long finish. Lush and rich, this is a truly delicious Pinot with amazing depth. I really just want to drink it all by itself.

**200 cases made     \$46     Score: 96**

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*"Beautifully rich and ripe..."*

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***Pinot Noir Santa Lucia Highlands Garys'  
Vineyard 2005***

Medium ruby purple color; rich, ripe black cherry and sweet oak aromas; ripe, rich, lush black cherry, sweet oak, spice and bacon notes; silky texture; good structure and balance; long finish. Beautifully rich and ripe with flavors that just go on and on.

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***Pinot Noir Santa Lucia Highlands Rosella's  
Vineyard 2005***

Medium ruby purple color; ripe plum and black cherry aromas, some bacon notes; ripe, rich, juicy plum and black cherry flavors; bacon and sweet oak notes; silky texture; good structure and balance; long finish. Deep, lush and full of flavors, this Pinot is simply perfect for the table and will work with a huge range of dishes.

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**Pinot Noir Santa Maria Valley Rancho  
Ontiveros Vineyard 2005**

Medium ruby purple color; deep, earthy, rich and ripe aromas of plum and cherry; ripe, red cherry and plum, sweet oak, with earthy notes; good structure and balance; long finish. This is a rich and balanced Pinot with all of the red cherry and earthy complexity you expect from the Santa Maria Valley.

**125 cases made    \$46    Score: 92**

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#### **A. P. Vin**

***Pinot Noir Santa Rita Hills Clos Pepe Vineyard  
2005***

Medium ruby purple color; deep, earthy, smoky aromas; ripe, lush red cherry flavors; juicy fruit flavors, spicy, smoky notes; good structure and balance; long finish. A deep and earthy Pinot with lush flavors and texture; good structure and balance for heartier meals and for a little age in the bottle.

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#### *Pinot Noir Santa Rita Hills Turner Vineyard 2005*

Medium ruby purple color; rich, lush aromas of black cherry and spice; deep, lush and complex with ripe black cherry flavors and spice notes; a touch of tannin and sweet oak; good structure and balance; long finish. Deep and full of flavor, this Pinot is a great match for a beef braise—will take a few years in the cellar.

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***Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Kanzler Vineyard  
2005***

Medium ruby purple color; ripe plum and earthy aromas; savory notes; deep plum and black cherry flavors, sweet oak and a touch of tannin; good structure and balance; long finish. Earthy and ripe Pinot with some very interesting savory notes.

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