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MAKE ROOM IN THE CELLAR!

"Lively and delicious..."

A. P. Vin

Pinot Noir Green Valley Keefer Ranch 2006

Medium ruby color; spicy red cherry aromas with a hint of cinnamon; rich, ripe, spicy red cherry fruit flavors; lively; silky texture, sweet oak; good structure and balance; long finish. Lively and delicious, this is a Pinot that you'll be tempted to drink before dinner is even served.

250 cases made \$48 Score: 95

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"Rich and ripe..."

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**Pinot Noir Santa Lucia Highlands Garys' Vineyard
2006**

Medium ruby color; deep black cherry, sweet oak and spice aromas; deep, rich, complex black cherry, spice and smoky oak notes; silky texture, good structure and balance; long finish. Rich and ripe Pinot with great balance and complexity -- perfect for grilled meats.

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"Rosella's to the max..."

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**Pinot Noir Santa Lucia Highlands Rosella's
Vineyard 2006**

Medium ruby color; deep, rich black cherry and smoky notes; rich and ripe with complex stewed black cherry flavors, spice and smoky notes; silky texture, sweet oak; good structure and balance; long finish. Deep, rich and complex Pinot with an incredible silkiness. Rosella's to the max...

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***Pinot Noir Santa Maria Valley Rancho Ontiveros
Vineyard 2006***

Medium-deep ruby color; ripe and intense red cherry aromas with earthy notes; ripe, rich with earthy red cherry flavors and some savory spice notes; bit of wood toward the finish, silky texture; good structure and balance; long finish. A moderately big and balanced style with some great earthy complexity.

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**Pinot Noir Santa Rita Hills Clos Pepe Vineyard
2006**

Medium ruby color; deep, complex cherry and earthy aromas; ripe, rich, juicy cherry fruit flavors, some earth and spice notes; sweet oak, very silky texture; good structure and balance; long finish. The delicious core of cherry fruit sets this Pinot apart -- it's absolutely delicious.

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Deep ruby color; black cherry, spice and pepper aromas; ripe, big and rich, deep black cherry flavors with spice and a touch of black pepper; toasty oak; good structure and balance; long finish. A big style that is deftly balanced with a great core of fruit. Needs time in the glass and I suspect it will reward some patience and restraint in the cellar.

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Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Kanzler Vineyard 2006

Medium ruby color; smoky, earthy cherry aromas; ripe, rich dusty red cherry flavors with great earthy, smoky notes and sweet oak; silky texture; good structure and balance; long finish. An assertive, forward Pinot with a great palette of complex flavors -- perfect for an earthy mushroom chicken dish.

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