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MAKE ROOM IN THE CELLAR!

"Rich and silky..."

A. P. Vin

***Pinot Noir Green Valley Keefer Ranch Vineyard
2008***

Medium ruby color; deep red cherry aromas with spice and cinnamon notes; rich, ripe, complex, juicy red cherry flavors with earthy, cinnamon notes; sweet oak, silky texture; good structure and balance; long finish. Rich, silky Pinot with the classic juicy Keefer Ranch fruit.

250 cases made \$48 Score: 94

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***Pinot Noir Santa Lucia Highlands Garys' Vineyard
2008***

Medium ruby color; deep, earthy, savory spice and black cherry aromas; deep, rich, complex smoky black cherry flavors, spice and earthy notes; silky texture, good structure and balance; long finish. Deep, rich and smoky Pinot with delicious black cherry flavors that cry out for anything from grilled beef to a pork roast.

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"Incredibly deep and complex..."

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***Pinot Noir Santa Lucia Highlands Rosella's
Vineyard 2008***

Medium ruby color; deep, rich black cherry aromas with herbs and smoky notes; rich and ripe with complex stewed black cherry flavors, herbs and smoky, earthy notes; silky texture, sweet oak; good structure and balance; long finish. Incredibly complex and deep Pinot; layers and layers of flavor.

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***Pinot Noir Santa Maria Valley Rancho Ontiveros
Vineyard 2008***

Medium-deep ruby color; deep, earthy red cherry aromas; rich, complex earthy red cherry flavors and with some herb notes and sweet oak; silky texture; good structure and balance; long finish. Complex, earthy Pinot with some nice herbal notes.

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***Pinot Noir Santa Rita Hills Clos Pepe Vineyard
2008***

Medium ruby color; deep, complex earth and plum aromas; deep, rich, plum and black cherry flavors with some earthy, savory spice notes; good structure and balance; long finish. Deep, intense Pinot that needs time in the glass to open up.

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Pinot Noir Santa Rita Hills Turner Vineyard 2008

Deep ruby color; spice, pepper and some plum aromas; ripe, big, deep plum and black cherry flavors with black pepper and spicy notes; toasty oak; good structure and balance; long finish. Deep, big Pinot with great structure and nice peppery notes - needs time in glass and bottle.

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Medium-deep ruby color; earthy, forest floor aromas; ripe, deep dark cherry flavors with great earthy, smoky, forest floor notes; silky texture; good structure and balance; long finish. Earthy, forward Pinot with deep flavors and great structure. Another one that's worth the wait.

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