

Outstanding California Pinot Noirs

New reviews of wines above 90 points from Napa, Sonoma, Santa Barbara and elsewhere in the Golden State



2007 Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

Rating: **91 points | \$44** Offers fresh, clean floral and raspberry scents, with a dash of blueberry. Full-bodied, sleek, structured, focused and well-balanced, ending with subtle fruit notes and a minerally edge. Drink now through 2015. 1,804 cases made. —J.L.



2007 Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley

Rating: 91 points | \$44

Fresh, intense and vibrant, full-bodied, tight and structured, with wilted rose, snappy raspberry, fresh earth and mineral, ending with tight, berry-laced tannins. Drink now through 2015. 1,540 cases made. —J.L.



2007 Pinot Noir, Akiko's Cuvée

Rating: 92 points | \$54

Generous ripe plum and raspberry fruit is front and center, supple and graceful. Full-bodied, with good intensity and balance, keeping its focus and ending with a subtle, delicate aftertaste of plum and rose petal. Drink now through 2016. 440 cases made. — J.L.



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