

"Pinot Paradise - First Pinot Noir Tasting of the Santa Cruz Mountains!"

24+ local wineries pouring heaven in a glass, 1:00-5:00pm at Testarossa Vineyards in Los Gatos. Advance tickets only.

Pinot Noir lovers will have the opportunity to discover the unique quality and intensity of Santa Cruz Mountains Pinot Noir at the first annual Pinot Paradise festival on April 10. More than 24 wineries in the Santa Cruz Mountain appellation will pour their best Pinot Noir. The wine will be paired with gourmet hors d'oeuvres from some of the best restaurants from San Jose to Santa Cruz. Testarossa Vineyards will host the event at its newly remodeled tasting room in the historic Novitiate winery in Los Gatos. Some wineries will pour barrel samples, and an auction will provide a special opportunity to bid on magnums of wine, not available at any other time.

What: Pinot Paradise -- A Pinot Noir Tasting of the Santa Cruz Mountains

When: April 10, 2005; 1:00-5:00pm

Where: Testarossa Vineyards, 300-A College Ave., Los Gatos

Cost: \$30 in advance, \$40 at the door

Reservations: Santa Cruz Mountains Winegrowers Association, Shannon Flynn
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Participating restaurants will prepare hors d'oeuvres complementing the wines, including: Carmel Cheese Shop, The Grapevine Wine & Cheese Shop, Forbes Mill Steak House, Le Papillon, Sestri, Restaurant O, Viva! and more.

The Santa Cruz Mountains is the ultimate location for exquisite Pinot Noir. The appellation has been recognized as a unique grape-growing region for its marine influence, mountain terrain, and distinctive soils. These qualities result in an intensely concentrated fruit. Pinot Paradise will give guests a chance to experience the magnificent Pinot Noir produced in the Santa Cruz Mountains.