2004 hope & grace Pinot Noir

Sleepy Hollow Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands

This is Charles Hendricks' fourth vintage of hope & grace. This fourth vintage produced only 1,200 cases from Robert Talbott's renowned Sleepy Hollow Vineyard in the Santa Lucia Highlands. Sourced from a small 3 acre parcel within block" A" of the Sleepy Hollow Ranch. This wine is produced in a traditional burgundian style, full of richness, earthiness and velvety textures.

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Vineyard designation: Sleepy Hollow Vineyard

Appellation: Santa Lucia Highlands, Monterey County

Barrel Aging: 14 Months Remond & Cadus French Oak Barrels

Ph: 3.68

Acidity: 0.67g

Alcohol: 14.2%

Winemaker: Charles Hendricks

Production: 1.200 cases

Release date: April, 2006

The 2004 vintage was a wonderfully sunny year, and you can taste the beautifully mature flavors that good sunlight brings. For those of you who have enjoyed our 2003 vintage, the 2004 is right in line with the texture and essential characteristics, but the 2004 aromatics take exotism to a completely new level.

Winemaker's Notes...

Rose and cinnamon aromas lead the plum and red fruit right out of the glass, with a little bacon fat sitting around the edges. On the first sip, the wine dances across the tongue, with lively red fruit flavors...Bursting with flavor and salivary gland tickling juiciness.

This pinot will continue to develop in the bottle, although it is very appealing now, with a little patience comes reward...so open your cellar door, and lay it down.