

# ***SAN SABA VINEYARDS***

## **2005 Pinot Noir**



### **About San Saba**

Located at the foot of the Santa Lucia Highlands in Monterey's historic Salinas Valley, San Saba produces limited quantities of fine Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon from our cool climate, 70-acre estate. Our San Saba label - we also produce wines under the Bocage label - features grapes from the best blocks on our property. Hand harvested, hand sorted, gently pressed and aged in the finest oak barrels, these wines are noteworthy for their structure, purity and intensity. San Saba was founded by Mark and Barbara Lemmon in 1975.

### **Vintage**

One of the wettest winters was followed by a near perfect growing season. Temperatures were moderate throughout the entire spring and summer. A long, temperate fall with no rain allowed us to let clusters hang and develop to full ripeness. Harvest 2005 will be remembered for great yields and excellent quality. The two don't often happen in the same year.

### **Winemaking**

The River Road Corridor in Monterey has gained a reputation as a great area for this grape and our vineyard, located in the center of this growing region, is no exception. Four clones of pinot noir were planted in the vineyard three years ago and this wine is the result of those new plantings. Yields on these new vines were tiny; around 1 ton per acre. We harvested clones 115 and 777. The lots were fermented separately in small bins and treated gently, caps were pushed down by hand. Each lot was placed in an assortment of new and neutral French oak barrels for 10 months before the final blending.

### **Tasting Notes**

This wine is a classic. Fruit with spice and a little meatiness makes this wine naturally complex. Violets in the nose and mouth contribute to its intricacy. Black cherry merges with white and black pepper to create a symphony of flavor. The finish is smooth but energetic with a hint of vanilla.

### **Technical Information**

<b>Vintage:</b>	2005
<b>Appellation:</b>	Monterey
<b>Composition:</b>	100% Pinot Noir; 65% Clone 115, 35% Clone 777
<b>Oak:</b>	55% new French oak; 45% neutral barrels - 10 months
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.5%
<b>pH:</b>	3.79
<b>TA:</b>	0.49
<b>Case Production:</b>	215
<b>Release Date:</b>	January 2007