



MACROSTIE

2012 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

90 Points – “MacRostie's Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir is one of the best values in California Pinot today. It is made in a lean style, with firm tannins that hide much of the fruit at this stage, but lurking in the background there is plenty of strawberry, raspberry, cherry fruit aroma ready to surface as the tannins soften.”

– Robert Whitley, January 2015, *Wine Review Online*

This Week's Wine Picks: Impressive Wines ★★★★★ – “This is a tasty pinot noir, crisp and lively. It has bright cherry fruit and a hint of pomegranate, with mushroom and cinnamon in the mix. It has great structure and balance, yet manages to have a lush texture. Lovely.”

– Peg Melnik, January 2015, *The Press Democrat*

Exceptional! – “A trace of that forest floor from the earlier wine, but there is a spice note (anise?) and a fine balance of all elements. Very well priced. The best part of the revived MacRostie brand are some excellent new Pinot Noirs that are true to Steve's lifelong passion, regional distinctiveness.”

– Dan Berger, July 2014, *Dan Berger's Vintage Experiences*

Wine editor Sara Schneider shares her holiday favorites – “Bright red cherry cola leads, seasoned with cinnamon, fresh herbs, and a balancing earthy character.”

– Sara Schneider, November 2014, *Sunset*

90 Points – “Smooth and full-bodied Californian cool climate Pinot Noir. Aromas of sweet cherry and mocha. Pinot Noir food pairings: grilled duck breast with blackcurrant pomegranate sauce, fresh salmon steak. Delightful duck wine.”

– Natalie MacLean, October 2014, *NatalieMacLean.com*

90 Points – “Rich black cherry and raspberry fruit are complimented with cinnamon, talc, mild dry earth and touches of mushroom make up aroma and flavor profiles in this nicely priced Sonoma Coast offering. Structured acidity and a long finish that shows a bit of damp earth suggests pairing with roasted meats with tarragon, rosemary and sage.”

– Rich Cook, December 2014, *Wine Review Online*

89 Points – “The 2012 Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast offers plum, cherry and berry fruit intermixed with earth and flower characteristics. This medium-bodied, seductive Pinot has no hard edges, so enjoy it over the next 3-4 years.”

– Robert Parker, December 2014, *Wine Advocate*



89 Points: Very Good! – “Moderately light ruby color in the glass. Aromas and flavors of cherry, plum and huckleberry with a complimentary touch of spice and oak. Soft and smooth in the mouth with balanced tannins and some finishing fruit presence. Easy to drink.”

– Rusty Gaffney, January 2015, *PinotFile*

88 Points – “Presents a mix of loamy earth, dark berry, black licorice and tea notes, framed by chewy tannins that lead to a chewy finish.”

– James Laube, April 2014, *Wine Spectator*

“With aromas of red fruits and spice, the wine has bright flavors of raspberries and cinnamon. The spicy quality comes out a bit more when the wine is chilled, along with a tart cherry note on the palate.”

– Tina Caputo, July 2014, *Zester Daily*