



BOTELLA
APPELLATION SANTA RITA HILLS
Santa Barbara County California
750ML 14.2% ALC/VOL

2013

Food & Wine

“The Buyer's Guide to 75 of the Best California Wines”

Insider's Favorites - Pinot Noir

“Sea Smoke, named after the fog that blows from the ocean through the Sta. Rita Hills in Santa Barbara County, **continues to garner acclaim for its complex, estate-grown Pinot Noirs.** Labor-intensive and traditional methods are used by winemaker Don Schroeder to craft this seductive '13 wine, which overflows with tangy blackberry and raspberry flavors.”

-Ray Isle, September 2016

2010

The Tasting Panel

“Silky, smooth and lush with black cherry and lovely structure; balanced, long and vibrant; stylish.”

90 Points: Outstanding

-Anthony Dias Blue, February 2013

2009

Wine Advocate

“At their best, **the Sea Smoke Pinots offer gorgeous textural richness, depth and personality.**”

2009 Sea Smoke Botella Pinot Noir

“The 2009 Pinot Noir Botella sweeps across the palate with deep, rich layers of dark fruit. Smoke, licorice, incense and leather develop in the glass. The Botella is one of the more extroverted, juicy Pinots in this lineup. **The wine's persistence, depth and overall sense of harmony are all first-rate.**” **92 Points: An outstanding wine of exceptional complexity and character**

-Antonio Galloni, August 2012

2007

California Grapevine

“Medium-light brackish ruby; attractive, herbal, spicy, raspberry and bright red cherry fruit aroma with a note of clove; medium-full body; tight, elegant, currant and red cherry fruit flavors; nicely balanced; medium-full tannin; lingering aftertaste.” **Highly Recommended**

-Nick Ponomareff, January 2010

2006

Wine News

“Healthy garnet hue. Sweet, smoky oak aromas with hints of graphite and tomato leaf. Pure black cherry fruit, anise and charred oak flavors. Excellent length and depth of fruit with an edge of bell pepper in the close.” **92 Points**

-August/September 2008

PinotReport

“Medium-deep ruby color; deep, stewed cherry and plum aromas with some spice and pepper; deep, rich, ripe black cherry and plum flavors; spice and pepper notes; some tannin and toasty oak; good structure and balance; long finish. Big, ripe and balanced; **this is a terrific Pinot** for the table.”

91 Points: Outstanding; approaching the best

-Gregory S. Walter, January 2009

Wine Advocate

“The 2006 Pinot Noir Botella reveals a slightly darker medium ruby color, and a fruit-dominated bouquet of red currants, plums, black cherries, and Allspice. Broader, richer, and more savory with additional texture and depth, this **beauty** can be enjoyed now and over the next 5-6 years.”

90 Points: An outstanding wine of exceptional complexity and character

-Robert Parker, December 2008

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

“Thanks to an expanding number of open-minded, forward-thinking growers and producers I would count this region as one of the three or four best in the New World for pinot noir.”

2006 Sea Smoke Botella Pinot Noir

“Dark red. Full-blown cherry and dark berry aromas, with oak spice and incense adding complexity. Fleshy and open-knit, with very good depth to the creamy blackcurrant and black raspberry jam flavors. Not a subtle wine by any means, but there's a lively mineral undertone that lends lift and clarity. Finishes with excellent sappy persistence, a pleasantly bitter cherry pit bite and lingering oak spice. This is **delicious** right now.” **90 Points: Outstanding**

-Josh Reynolds, November/December 2008

BusinessWeek.com

“Fog and Pinot Noir”

“Bright with the flavors of ripe, tart blackberries and cherries but it lasted three days in my refrigerator after opening, getting better and better each day, and remarkably still tasting of summer raspberries at the end. **When a wine does this I'm sure I'm on to a winner, a wine that will not only last, but go on improving.** I just know that in a few years all those wonderful old red wine flavors like cigar box cedar, wet leather and damp fall leaves will emerge to wonderful effect. If they don't, I'm turning in my wine drinker's license.” **5 Stars**

-Nick Passmore, April 2009

2005

PinotReport

“Deep ruby color; deep, spicy black cherry and plum aromas; ripe, deep, complex, black cherry flavors with spice, black pepper and earthy notes; moderate tannin; good structure and balance; long finish. Big, **balanced style of Pinot with incredible structure and depth.**”

94 Points: Outstanding; approaching the best

-Gregory S. Walter, May 2008

Wine News

“Outstanding Pinots”

2005 Sea Smoke Botella Pinot Noir – 92 Points

-December 2008/January 2009

Robb Report

“From the Robb Cellar: Fine wines & spirits worthy of a place in your private collection”

“The 2005 Sea Smoke Botella Pinot Noir – named for the botella clay loam that is found in the vineyard – presents a lovely nose of cherry lozenge and rose petals, while, on the palate, it pours forth pomegranate, dried strawberry, and red currant spiced with a suggestion of menthol and cumin.”

-April 2008

San Francisco Chronicle

“The Chronicle Wine Selections: South Central Coast Pinot Noir”

“This wine has plenty of oak, though it’s nicely integrated with black fruit, caramelized sugar, nutmeg, toasted cinnamon and dusty mineral note. The palate starts out big and juicy but the balance allows it to be food-friendly.” **Good to Excellent!**

-Lynne Char Bennett, October 2007

2004

Wine Spectator

“Top 100 wines at a Glance”

“The Sea Smoke estate vineyard was planted in 1999. Each of the 11 wines produced from it by Sea Smoke and other wineries since the 2001 vintage have been outstanding.”

2004 Sea Smoke Botella Pinot Noir

“Generous and complex in its presentation of ripe blueberry, wild berry, earth, mineral and sage flavors. But what’s most impressive is the aftertaste, which brings all the flavors together for a wonderful finish that keeps repeating the essential flavor themes.” **93 Points: Outstanding; a wine of superior character and style**

-James Laube, January 2007

Food Arts

“The initial barrage of cherry, wild berry, and blueberry aromas quickly succumbs to heady aromas of earth, cola, and dried herbs. Similar varietal flavors are echoed on the palate. Sophisticated, with dense yet lively texture, ripe tannins, and a lingering finish.” **93 Points**

-Jeffery Lindenmuth, December 1, 2006

Wine Advocate

“One of the most promising of the new breed Pinot Noir specialists from the Sta. Rita Hills, Sea Smoke continues to demonstrate a sure touch with this fickle varietal.”

2004 Sea Smoke Botella Pinot Noir

“From a vineyard planted in clay/loam soils, the 2004 Pinot Noir Botella exhibits a dense ruby/purple hue along with black currant and black cherry aromas and a hint of flowers. Full body, sweet tannin, enough acidity to provide uplift and definition, and a textured, savory mouthfeel give this wine an early charm.” **92 Points: An outstanding wine of exceptional complexity and character**

-Robert Parker, August 2006

Wine Spectator

“If you had to remember just one Pinot Noir name for this year’s sale, Sea Smoke would be it. Sea Smoke winery’s three bottlings—Botella, Southing and Ten—were similarly delicious, demonstrating once again the strength of this impeccably groomed vineyard. The Botella bottling is one of the greatest buys from California today.” 92 - 94 Points

-James Laube, March 2006

San Francisco Chronicle

“Nine Producers had more than one wine in the 2006 Top 100 . . . Sea Smoke Cellars in Santa Barbara”

“Sea Smoke’s ‘starter’ Pinot delivers a mouthful of cherry, cranberry and currant, with hints of spice and cocoa. It’s bright yet firm, with a supple texture and a long, crisp finish.”

-Linda Murphy, December 2006

2003

Wine Spectator

“2005 Top 100”

2003 Sea Smoke Botella Pinot Noir

“Excellent intensity, with pure ripe plum, wild berry, fresh earth and boysenberry flavors that are silky in the mouth and supported by firm tannins. There’s a subtle richness and underlying layer of complexity that slowly shows itself.”

93 Points: Outstanding; a wine of superior character and style

-James Laube, December 2005

Food Arts

“A dark and dense Pinot, showing great extraction and youthful exuberance with its wild berry and blueberry aromas. There are also sophisticated nuances of cola and fresh earth. On the palate it exhibits great structure, rich fruit, and nice spicy flavors on the long finish.”

93 Points: Highly recommended

-Jeffery Lindenmuth, December 2005

Business Week

“Pinot Noirs That Live Up To the Hype”

2003 Sea Smoke Botella Pinot Noir

“A dense ruby/purple hue is accompanied by aromas of black currants, black cherries, and a hint of flowers. Full body, sweet tannin, enough acidity to provide freshness and definition, and a textured, savory mouthfeel give this wine an early charm that makes it enjoyable now. Still, this pinot noir possesses enough concentration and length to last for a decade.” **92 Points**

-Robert Parker, January 2007

San Francisco Chronicle

“Top 100 Wines of 2005”

2003 Sea Smoke Botella Pinot Noir

“Tastes more expensive than it is, with **gorgeous** cassis, black cherry and raspberry flavors, black spice, restrained toasty oak and plenty of natural acidity. Food-friendly.”

-Linda Murphy, March 2006

San Francisco Chronicle

“All the fuss about nearly unobtainable Sea Smoke Pinot Noir is justified because it’s **just plain delicious**. The 2003 Sea Smoke Botella Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir is a wonderful, hedonistic wine which tastes like raspberry pie filling.”

-*W. Blake Gray, December 2005*

2002

Wine Spectator

“A superripe, rich and concentrated style, with lavish mocha-laced oak wrapped around tasty black cherry, plum and wild berry fruit flavors. Firmly tannic, which gives it a nice backbone.”

91 Points: Outstanding; a wine of superior character and style

-*James Laube, August 2004*

The Wine Advocate

“The 2002 Pinot Noir Botella exhibits a saturated ruby/purple color as well as a tight but promising nose of cassis, macerated black cherries, forest floor, and subtle oak. Although still primary, it is loaded. It possesses a rich, full-bodied, pure palate with seamlessly integrated acidity and tannin. A 30+ second finish adds to the joy.” **91 Points: An outstanding wine of exceptional complexity and character**

-*Robert Parker, August 2004*

Food & Wine

“The ‘Sea Smoke’—marine fog—is a decisive factor at Bob Davids’ vineyard in the Sta. Rita Hills of Santa Barbara County, arriving each afternoon to cool the grapes, allowing them to linger on the vine, producing robust, round vividly fruity Pinots like this **standout**.”

-*Richard Nalley, October 2004*

2001

PinotReport

“An Incredible Pinot”

“Deep ruby-purple color; deep, extremely dense aromas, closed; big, dense, sweet impression from toasty oak, yet juicy cherry and berry flavors, dried fruit, some anise and other spices; balanced with a long finish. This is by no means a lesser bottling than the Southing—it’s different but still **an incredible Pinot**.” **93 Points: Outstanding; approaching the best**

-*Gregory S. Walter, August 2003*

Wine Spectator

“Top 100 Wines of 2003”

2001 Sea Smoke Botella Pinot Noir

“Dark, firm, rich and intense, with lots of concentration to the black cherry, blackberry, fresh earth and blueberry jam flavors. Well-focused, with mouthcoating, integrated tannins and a long, pure, rich aftertaste.” **91 Points: Outstanding; a wine of superior character and style**

-*December 31, 2003*

Wine News

“California’s Best of 2003”

2001 Sea Smoke Botella Pinot Noir

-*December 2003*