

# PESSAGNO WINERY



## 2006 PINOT NOIR

IDYLL TIMES VINEYARD

San Benito County

### The Vineyard

Located at the base of the Eastern foothills of San Benito County, Idyll Times Vineyard is sheltered from the winds of “the Mistral” climate; characterized by warm, breezy days and cool nights. The soil is sparse and shallow, restricting root development and canopy growth. The vineyard is comprised of the following three clones of Pinot Noir: La Tache, Dijon 115, and Joseph Swan.

### The Vintage

February was dry and warm bringing our vines out of their winter slumber in early March. Cold weather returned mid-month with two days of snow, while the ensuing months saw record rainfall and cloud cover not experienced since 1906. This resulting in delayed vine growth and ripening for all varieties. From July through the end of harvest we bounced between extreme periods of high heat and cold. Harvested started in late September, and the extended growing season resulted in high quality fruit due to extended “hang-time” on the vine.

### The Winemaking

Handpicked at a high level of maturity, the fruit is fermented separately in small tanks with a minimum of the berries being crushed. After “cold soaking” for upwards of three days on the grape skins, a special yeast known for its bold extraction qualities was added for fermentation. After fermentation was completed the wine was pressed directly into 65% new French oak barrels and matured for eleven months.

### Tasting Notes

This jammy and deeply colored Pinot Noir wine has concentrated aromas of ripe blackberry, clove, and a hint of smoke. The full, lush mouth feel follows layered flavors of black plum and vanilla, reflecting the depth of the fruit and lavish use of oak. Beautifully balanced, it offers good body, rich texture, and a long, lingering and finish. Grilled meats and seafood or hearty bistro makes for a perfect match.

Steve Pessagno, Winemaker

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Pessagno".



**Harvest** *September 20/21, 2006*

**Brix** 26.8

**Months In Oak** *Eleven*

**Alcohol** 14.8%

**pH** 3.64

**TA** 6.42 grams/liter

**Rs** *Dry*

**Production** *193 cases bottled*

*November 26, 2007*

**Suggested Retail** \$40.00