

# PESSAGNO

WINERY



## 2007 PINOT NOIR

SPRING GROVE VINEYARDS

San Benito County

### THE VINEYARD

Spring Grove Vineyards is comprised of two extremely small properties located in the Spring Grove District of San Benito County. Planted entirely in Pinot Noir, each site was carefully evaluated for its soils and climates and ultimately planted to six different clones. The climate has warm, breezy days and cool nights often called “the Mistral” by locals.

### THE VINTAGE

The 2007 vintage would be most aptly described as the coolest and most even keeled in the past three decades. Temperatures from early May through the middle of August seldom broke the 90 °F mark, delaying veraison and harvest substantially. By late September we experienced two dustings of rain but the stage was already set for the potential of making phenomenal wines. Both Chardonnay and Pinot Noir have now set new quality standards at Pessagno Winery as a result of the Vintage.

### THE WINEMAKING

Each clone was evaluated separately for maturity and ripeness and harvested accordingly. The grapes were only lightly crushed into small open-top fermentors with 15% whole berry. A Burgundian style yeast culture, known for bold flavors and aromas, provided a slow and steady fermentation.

### TASTING NOTES

Complex and very spicy, this Pinot Noir offers aromas of dried cherries, cranberries, and Blue Spruce tree branches. The mouth feel is bright with finely textured, solid tannins. French oak aging provides vanilla and woody overtones with a slight perception of sweetness on the finish. This “smack you in the face” wine can be paired with various types of seafood, game, and sweet glazed entrees.



*Harvest Date*

October 8, 2007

*Harvest Brix*

26.0

*Months in Oak*

Eleven

*Alcohol*

14.7%

*pH*

3.68

*TA*

6.75 grams/liter

*Rs*

Dry

*143 cases bottled*

March 6, 2009

*Suggested Retail*

\$27