



### **Growing Conditions**

2007 is already being heralded as one of the vintages of the decade. Here on California's Central Coast, the quality of the grapes and the resulting wines are "simply stellar". Cold winter months kept the vines in dormancy later than normal, delaying budbreak and flowering for a few weeks. Dry, semi-drought conditions and moderate temperatures throughout the summer produced gorgeously small, perfect clusters and berries that were balanced and flawlessly ripe at lower sugar levels. The relatively relaxed state of ripening allowed the fruit additional time to develop more aromatic and flavor compounds. The astounding result was grapes with tremendous concentration of flavors, highly developed tannins and lively acidity. Truly exceptional.

This is the first Samsara Pinot blend of multiple vineyards, borne out of a curiosity and experiment in the cellar to see how the different vineyards would interact together rather than singularly. Truly a representation of the similarities and differences of the Pinot Noirs of Santa Barbara County, this wine is also our most affordable Pinot Noir from Samsara.

### **Tasting Notes**

Sweetly ripe, cinnamon tinged black cherry aromas and rich fruit flavors mingled with black cherry, blackberry, violets, and licorice leads to a deeply black-fruited, low-toned but sweetly persistent finish. This Pinot has enough structure to carry it for 5-7 years but its personality suggests early drinking.

*Light, bright red. Fresh strawberry and black raspberry aromas are complicated by baking spices and fresh rose. Racy red berry flavors are light in body and impressively precise, with fine-grained tannins adding structure. The spiciness builds through the long, tangy finish, which strongly echoes the strawberry note.*

*90 Points*

**Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar**

### **Production Notes**

350 cases produced  
Harvested September 15-29, 2007  
14.1% Alcohol  
15% New French Oak  
No Stem Inclusion  
Native Yeast for both Primary and Malolactic Fermentations  
Not Fined and Not Filtered